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SINCE the above was written the predicted aid to Railroads has been granted by the Legislature to the extent of from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a mile. The Railroad from Peterborough to Haliburton which, it had been by that time decided to make an Iron Road, would have been entitled to and would doubtless have received at least \$3,000 a mile, and this with the Bonuses already granted, and which could have been secured, would have sufficed to have built the Road at a trifling cost to the Stockholders. Owing however, to the apathy of the people of Peterborough, the Charter was allowed to pass into other hands and Railway communication with Peterborough is no longer contemplated. In the meantime, however, the Toronto and Nipissing Railroad is being completed to Cobocok, ~~to which point it is intended to run trains,~~ and from this point to Minden, a distance of only 20 miles, a good road will be opened, by Midsummer 1872. This will bring Haliburton within one day's journey of Toronto without any further railway extension. The Fenelon Falls Company, however, proposes to branch off at Uxbridge, and construct a line via Lindsay to Fenelon Falls, and thence subsequently to extend up the Burnt River Valley to a point, probably Haliburton in the first instance, where the supply trade with the lumbermen of the Ottawa tributaries can be secured. Other Railway Companies also have in view a connection with Haliburton at no distant date. The Buckhorn Road is now in course of construction under instructions from the Hon. R. W. Scott, Commissioner of Crown Lands, and by an arrangement between the Company and Mr. Strickland the Burleigh Road is being extended into Harcourt, where a flourishing settlement is being established, ~~which will also be connected with Haliburton by a road more direct than the Peterson.~~ The Telegraph from Bobcaygeon to Haliburton ~~is in course of construction and an office will be opened this summer.~~ The Church referred to in page 8 has been completed, and two small Mission Churches have also been erected in S. W. Dysart and S. E. Guilford. The Presbyterians hope to have a handsome Church and Manse this Summer. A Town Hall has recently been erected and a commodious Hotel ~~is now being opened~~ and a number of excellent houses are rapidly springing up in Haliburton.

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