

cided to give \$85,000, the bonus asked by the company.

SPEECHES BY THE PROMOTERS.

Nearly all present then repaired to the town hall. Mr. Laidlaw and his friends attended and he made the following remarks:—

† Mr. Laidlaw said, "They had not come to Lindsay in any huxtering spirit, but had very carefully considered their programme and had made their very best propositions." He then sketched the proceedings of the company up to the passing of the government grant and explained that they had not got a continuous grant from Lindsay to the Ottawa river because their scheme was too large to be dealt with at the last session. Public opinion was in its favor already to such a marked extent, however, that he was confident that the next session when the Government would have had time to give the full and careful consideration they desired, they *would receive liberal aid to carry on the road from Haliburton to the Ottawa.* They were in fact prepared, as soon as they got the section already aided under way, to proceed with the survey from Haliburton northward, so as to lose as little time as possible * * * * The company would *faithfully observe* all they agreed to do whether by *written or verbal promise*, and would do all that in them lay to deserve the confidence of the people of Lindsay after such a large bonus had been given. It was not to be supposed that such work could be carried on without being of very great advantage to Lindsay. They (the people of Lindsay) had marked their confidence in the company, and for that they had his most hearty gratitude, and he would assure them that the company would do their very best to deserve the confidence that had been placed in them." (Cheers.)

Mr. S.C. Wood, M.P.P., spoke of the advantages of the Victoria railroad, "by which it would become a great

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