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other members of the company came to Lindsay, and while remaining at their hotel made an offer through Mr. S. C. Wood, then a resident of Lindsay and the representative of the County of Victoria in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, to certain of the principal ratepayers of Lindsay who had assembled in another place for the purpose of hearing the proposition of the company. This proposition was as follows:—The Victoria railroad company would construct a railroad from Lindsay to the village of Fenelon Falls; thence further north to the village of Kinnmount; thence north to the village of Haliburton; and from that place onward to the intended line of the Canadian Pacific railroad at or near the junction of the Mattawan and the Ottawa rivers. This road was to be called the Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Ottawa River railroad, as in the charter granted in 1872, and that for the purpose of carrying out the project and completing the said road they would require bonuses from certain townships and a bonus from the town of Lindsay of not less than \$85,000, besides aid from other sources. Many of the ratepayers assembled were surprised at the large bonus required, and when they considered the rather large debt already on the town in consequence of having aided by bonuses other railway projects, they were disinclined to give the amount demanded, and after some discussion the sum of \$75,000 as a bonus was offered. This proposal was conveyed to the company, but Mr. Laidlaw at once refused to accept it and threatened to leave Lindsay without further negotiations on the subject. Upon this the matter was again discussed by the ratepayers. The project was thought to be a great one for the interest of Lindsay, particularly as it had been stated that the Victoria railroad would be made a colonization road—one in which the whole province would be interested—and that the Government of Ontario would undoubtedly see that the road was completed. Though several of the ratepayers still objected to give more than the amount at first offered, a majority de-