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then plainly said in the presence and hearing of Mr. Mowat, Mr. Frazer and all present that the line would exhaust municipal aid after it passed through Haliburton, that it would pass through an unsettled country, and that, therefore, it would be necessary to come to the Government for aid.

COMPLETED TO KINMOUNT.

Near the end of 1876 the Victoria Railroad was constructed as far as the village of Kinmount. Early in November of that year there was a banquet in Lindsay to celebrate the event. Mr. S. C. Wood and Mr. Pardee, both then members of the Ontario Government, were present, besides members of the Dominion and the Local Houses, and many other persons of distinction. The following are some of the speeches made on that occasion:

The Hon. Mr. Pardee said, "The Victoria Railroad was one that had attracted a good deal of attention, not only from the people of the county of Victoria but also from the people of the Province of Ontario, as it was a road that had more than a local significance. It was a railway that was calculated to open up the great heart of this country. As they were aware, the greater portion of the land in the province still unsettled lay between the river Ottawa and the Georgian Bay. Without such a railway to penetrate into the interior of that wilderness it might be a century before it would be settled, but, with one, any man who had the opportunity of seeing this country ten years from now would hardly know it from a portion of the old settled portion of the Province of Ontario. * * * He thought he might say that the town of Lindsay had a bright future before it. It had not only got the Victoria Railroad, but he believed it was going to get a railroad from Port Perry also, the former leading to the Ottawa river, which he believed was its objective point."