

VICTORIA RAILROAD SCHEME.

PREPARATORY.

As the ratepayers of the Town of Lindsay, in the County of Victoria, feel they have been grievously wronged by the projectors of the Victoria railroad as well as affected by the inaction of the Government of Ontario who were considered abettors and promoters of that designed railway; as they feel that they are entitled to compensation because they were induced by the promises of the said promoters, on behalf of themselves, as well as on behalf of the said Government, to give a very large bonus in order to secure the completion of the said Victoria railroad, and that after having faithfully performed their part of the contract by giving the said large bonus, the said projectors—that is the Victoria railway company—having only completed the said road not quite half the distance from the Town of Lindsay to the objective point of the Victoria railroad at the junction of the Mattawan and the Ottawa rivers, and then after having received bonuses from other municipalities, as well as aid from the English Land and Emigration Company, in the County of Haliburton, and also from the Government of Ontario, got rid of their responsibility to all concerned by selling out their interest in the said Victoria railroad to other parties, thereby entailing serious loss and embarrassment to the