

the Hon. J. B. Robinson (now Lieutenant-Governor), Judge Duggan, and others.

GOVERNMENT AID PROMISED.

Mr. S. C. Wood, M. P. P., the chairman of the meeting, said, after having alluded to the liberality displayed by the municipalities of Somerville, Verulam, Fenelon Falls and Lindsay, "The line to Kinmount would soon be constructed, and he had no doubt *it would be pushed as rapidly as possible to the Ottawa.* The Government had aided the road to carry out the first portion of its scheme, and the question was about *the further extension to the Ottawa, which would have to be made,* for it was never intended for a moment to stop at Kinmount. * * It was not, therefore, a scheme of a merely selfish character, *nor was it a purely local scheme.* * * *It must be understood that this line would exhaust municipal aid after it passed through Haliburton county, and that it would pass through an unsettled country. It would, therefore, be necessary to come to the Government for aid,* and he believed the good sense and enterprise of the people would approve of a liberal policy."

Here we find Mr. Mowat advertng in high terms to Mr. Laidlaw, the principal projector of the Victoria Railroad and the main organizer of the company formed to effect its construction. He knew all the resources of that company necessary for the completion of the road. He admitted that the enterprise which they had gathered to further was a great one, and that the members for the Local House had proved to a demonstration that the railway was wanted and ought to have the support of the Government. It is assumed, therefore, Mr. Mowat must have known that the main support required from the Government was that the road should be completed from Haliburton after the municipal resources had been exhausted in getting to that place. For on that occasion Mr. S. C. Wood

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