

usefully employ any portion of the surplus than by encouraging useful railway enterprises. The Government had done something in that way already. After advertizing in high terms to *Mr. Laidlaw*, and regretting that he was unable to attend, he (the Attorney-General) concluded by expressing his pleasure in seeing the commencement of this great enterprise." (Cheers.)

CONTINUED PLEDGES.

At the banquet in the evening Mr. Mowat further said on behalf of the Government, "He was not going to say that the Victoria Railroad scheme deserved their support, *for of that fact they were already aware.* He had heard a great deal about the benefit of the scheme, *which they were gathered there to further,* and their members had proved to a demonstration that the railway was wanted, *and ought to have the support of the Government*"

Hon. C. F. Frazer again said, "They might all feel very proud of what they saw around them in connection with the railway gathering, which was one of the greatest he had ever had the pleasure of being present at. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being present at their gathering, and said he trusted that the Victoria Railroad would prove not only a benefit to the town of Lindsay but to the whole of the country." (Cheers.)

Senator Alexander said, "He expressed a hope that the Victoria Railroad would soon be pushed on to the Ottawa river, etc."

Thomas Oliver, M. P., and Arther McQuade, M. P., spoke heartily in favor of the road.

D. McCrea, M. P. P., said, "He hoped the Government would be especially able to aid the company in pushing through the line to the Ottawa. He believed this course would be endorsed by the great majority of the House."

Speeches favoring the project were also made by