

THE HISTORY OF A RAILROAD DIFFICULTY,

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The public lecture-room in the Town Hall at Port Hope, was filled to its utmost capacity on Saturday, the 23rd April last, to listen to an address from Mr. John Fowler, the lessee of a portion of the Port Hope and Lindsay Railroad, and the Proprietor of a portion of the Branch to Peterboro', in which it was his purpose to recapitulate all the difficulties, past and present, of the road, his own exertions in connection with the construction of the Branch, and to point out the tyrannical, tricky, and otherwise unjustifiable course of conduct, pursued towards him and the stockholders of the Railway generally, by those Directors of the P. H. L. & B. R. R. Co. who held, if they do not now hold, a controlling influence over its affairs, and are attempting to sacrifice the interests of those, who are responsible for the money incurred to make the road, to provide and maintain the rolling stock, and for keeping the road in working order. There were fully six hundred persons present when Mr. Fowler rose and said:—

Gentlemen, I stand here to give a lecture, and must beg your indulgence, for it is not a calling of mine, but one that I have been forced into. When a man sees an enemy ahead of him, he naturally makes up