

AFFIDAVIT No. 14.

County of Elgin, } I, BENJAMIN SPENCER MCCOLLOM, of the Town-
 To-Wit: } ship of Bayham, in the County of Elgin, Esquire,
 make oath and say :

1st. That I am now and have been for the last eleven years a resident of the Township of Bayham aforesaid.

2nd. I am well acquainted with the route of the road commenced by the Richmond, Bayham and Port Burwell Road Company; I consider it the best route in the Township, and consider that said road was and still is of great and material benefit to this Township.

3rd. By far the greater portion of said road was finished, planked or gravelled by said company, and the heavy grading done on the remainder. By means of what was so done by said company a market was opened up for many in the western part of this Township which they could not have reached for a great portion of the year. It is a road much travelled, and would, if it had been finished, have joined the plank road running from Ingersoll to the northern boundary of this Township, and would thereby have greatly facilitated travel.

4th. The planked and gravelled portion of the road lasted in good condition for about eight years, requiring during that time very little statute labor to be done on it. Even in its present state the work which the said company did renders travelling much easier than it was before they commenced operations.

5th. I have no doubt but verily believe that By-Law number one hundred and sixteen of said Township was passed, and the debentures issued thereunder were issued, negotiated and purchased in perfect good faith, and without any knowledge or suspicion that the same had been issued contrary to the wishes of the ratepayers of this Township, or that they were effected with any illegality, informality or defect.

6th. I am positive that previous to the negotiating and purchase of said debentures, no meeting of the people of this Township was held or called to express any opinion as to said By-Law, or as to the said Township taking stock or becoming stockholders in said company, or assisting the same in any way whatsoever.

7th. I distinctly recollect the two meetings of the people of said Township held to express their approval or disapproval of a By-Law to grant to said company a second loan of four thousand pounds, in the year of