

Clerk, and this was all the threat made to him as he stated before the Council about the month of November last past.

14th. I am confident that the parties purchasing the debentures did so in good faith, and without any suspicion of their being in any way defective.

15th. I am positive that previous to the issue of debentures issued under By-Law number one hundred and sixteen, there was no meeting of the people or ratepayers of said Township called or held to express any opinion as to the said Township taking stock in said company, or in any way becoming stockholders therein, or assisting the same in any other manner whatsoever, and I never heard any person or persons allege that any such meeting was ever held until within the last few months.

[Signed]

ALEX. McBRIDE.

Sworn before me, at the Township of Bayham, in the County of Elgin, this Eighteenth day of May, A.D. 1865.

[Signed]

W. A. GLOVER,

A Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Queen's Bench in and for the County of Elgin.

AFFIDAVIT No. 10.

County of Elgin, }
To-Wit: }

I, DAVID MERRILL, of the Township of Bayham, in the County of Elgin, Innkeeper, make oath and say as follows:

1st. That I was overseer of the Bayham, Richmond and Port Burwell Road, and managing director thereof during its construction, and have resided in the Township of Bayham for the last forty years.

2nd. Before the road was commenced the Bayham Council promised to loan to the road company money to finish the road if the company would raise four thousand pounds of stock; that this amount of stock was raised, and By-Law number one hundred and sixteen in consequence thereof passed; that it was passed in good faith, and the debentures issued under the authority of said By-Law handed over to the company for negotiation, without any doubt of their legality.

3rd. I am positive that no meeting of the people was called to give an expression of opinion on this By-Law. The road was opposed by some in the eastern section of the Township, because it would injure the road running through that part of the Township. The road built by the company is a continuation of a road built from Ingersoll to the limits of the Township of Bayham, and runs thence to Port Burwell.

4th. The debentures were negotiated shortly after their issue, and long before any doubts were entertained of their legality. The persons purchasing them had no opportunity of knowing that they were issued against the wish of any one.