

second loan was subsequently passed, and the debentures for said further sum of four thousand pounds were issued and handed over to the company; that before the negotiation of said debentures it was discovered that the By-Law had not been advertised for a sufficient length of time, and the debentures were accordingly given up; and that a second meeting of the people was called, which resulted in the defeat of the By-Law by a majority of about thirty.

7th. That I am positive that the above meetings were the only meetings that were held about any debentures granted to the said company.

8th. That at the time of issuing the debentures under By-Law number one hundred and sixteen, one Ambrose Wilson was Deputy Reeve of said Township; that said Ambrose Wilson had no contract with the company for the building of the road or any portion thereof, but merely sold them plank at a certain rate per thousand.

9th. That the said road is much travelled, and ever since its construction has been and now is of much benefit to the Township; the whole road was made better by the operations of the said company, and by means thereof the people are enabled to travel much better, and were it not for what has been done by the company it would at certain seasons of the year be almost impassable for loaded teams which can now be driven on the road.

10th. I consider the route of this road the best in this Township, and it was so considered by the Engineer employed by the company, John Fraser.

11th. A first mortgage on the road for the amount of the debentures so issued under the authority of By-Law number one hundred and sixteen as aforesaid was executed by the company, and delivered to the Council, and three hundred dollars of the coupons were paid by the Treasurer of the Township, which said money was paid by the company on their mortgage, and a further sum of forty dollars was paid on the coupons by the Treasurer of the Township, but the Council, after the By-Law was discovered to be illegal, refused to allow him this sum.

12th. The planked part of the road lasted in good condition for about eight years, as did also the gravelled part. Very little statute labor was during this time done on the road, but the labor which would have been expended there if no road had been built was expended on other roads.

13th. One William Hatch was Clerk of the Council when the first mentioned debentures were issued; he was opposed to the construction of the road, as were others living in the Eastern part of the Township, because it does not immediately benefit them; he was unwilling to perform his duty as Clerk as far as concerned the transactions relating to the road, such as drawing the mortgage, entering the resolutions respecting it, and so forth, and was told that if he did not attend to his duty as Clerk and obey the instructions of the Council, they would get another