

of means ; and, as it had been his ambition to become a large landed proprietor, his wealth was freely used in what he considered was for the good of the country, such as the construction of roads, bridges, mills, and in extensive surveys, &c. ; but, whether his plans were not well matured before being put in practical operation, or whether there was a large infusion of the visionary element in his mental composition ; it is apparent that from some cause, his anticipations were not in any good degree ever realized ; and he had the grief and mortification of seeing his fortune wasting away before the untoward influences with which he was brought into contact. The troubles that have risen out of the relation of Mr. Austin as Patentee, and various other parties as Associates of the Township of Bolton, are still fresh in the memories of many in those parts, much litigation having grown out of them ; and the consequence to the subject of our notice was, that from being a man of opulence and influence, he became reduced in means, and limited in resources ; the world seeming to have passed upon him the sentence of condemnation as an unsuccessful man, which is known as virtual death. This, to a spirit like his, was most unendurable ; but even in his efforts to seek redress for grievances by course of law, he was often unfortunate ; for when feeling himself wronged and outraged by the scheming and complicated villany he sometimes met, his tenacious adherence to what he considered right, and his strict sense of justice, prevented the meeting his adversaries