

8th. In my opinion if the road had been finished, and the company had continued, the Township would have been very greatly benefited, and the said company would have paid good dividends on the stock, and the Township would have been saved the expense of building bridges and other works along the route of said road, and would have been able to expend more statute labor on other roads in this Township, and as from the fact that the said road if completed would have joined the plank road running from Ingersoll to the northern boundary of this Township, and would therefore have induced much travel and trade through and in said Township.

[Signed]

ANDREW MOORE.

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

[Signed]

JACOB S. JONES,

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

AFFIDAVIT No. 13.

County of Elgin, }
To-Wit: }

I, SILVESTER COOK, of the Township of Bayham, in the County of Elgin, Esquire, make oath and say:

1st. That I am now and have been for the last forty years a resident of the Township of Bayham, and was a member of the Council of said Township in the year 1855; I have taken a great interest in the Richmond, Bayham and Port Burwell Road Company, and am well acquainted with the circumstances connected with it.

2nd. I am positive that before the issue, negotiation and purchase of the said debentures issued under By-Law number 116 of said Council no meeting of the people of said Township was called or held to express any opinion as to the said By-Law, or as to the said Township taking stock or in any way becoming stockholders in said company; I am certain that if any such meeting had been called or held I would have known of it, and I would have attended the same.

3rd. I believe that the said By-Law was passed and the said debentures issued, negotiated and purchased in good faith, and without any knowledge or suspicion or cause of suspicion that the said By-Law was in any way defective, informal or illegal.

4th. To the best of my knowledge and belief the said debentures were negotiated and purchased in the year 1854, and it was at least a year after they were so purchased that any doubt arose as to their legality. I never heard any one express any doubt as to their perfect legality or object to their having been issued until long after they were purchased by the present holders thereof.