

2d. I am confident that previous to the issue of debentures by the Council of the Township of Bayham under their By-Law number 116, there was no meeting of the people called or held to express their opinion with regard to the passing of said By-Law or the issue of said debentures, or the loaning of money to the Bayham, Richmond and Port Burwell Road Company, or as to the said Township taking stock or in any way becoming stockholders of said company.

3rd. From my knowledge of all parties concerned I am satisfied that the said debentures were issued, negotiated and purchased in good faith, and without any knowledge or suspicion that the said debentures or the said By-Law had any illegality or defect in them.

4th. I never heard that any person or persons in this Township objected to the passing of said By-Law, or the issue of said debentures, or the repayment of the same from the funds of this Township until long after said debentures were issued, and even until long after the people were asked to express their approval or disapproval of a By-Law introduced in the year 1855 to loan said company a further sum of £4,000, and I never heard until an attempt was made lately to legalize said debentures by an Act of Parliament, of there ever having been a meeting of the people called or held previous to the passage of said By-Law number 116 to express any opinion as to said By-Law, or as to the said Township taking stock or in any way becoming stockholders in said company or assisting the same in any way whatsoever, and I have good reason to believe and do verily believe that no such meeting was ever held or called; I am certain that if such a meeting had ever been called or held I would almost necessarily have known it.

5th. I know the route of the said road, and I believe the said road to be a great and material benefit to this Township, and that it facilitates travel very much and is much used.

6th. In my opinion about twelve and a half miles of the road were completely finished, gravelled and planked, by the said company, and the heavy grading on the remaining portions was also done. The whole length of the road is about sixteen miles. At some seasons of the year large portions of the road were almost impassable for teams, but after the said company had commenced their operations the same portions of the road were greatly improved and rendered fit for travel, so that heavily loaded waggons could be drawn with much greater ease than formerly. — It also opened up a large part of the western section of this Township, and gave access to a market for the inhabitants residing there, which could not have been reached for a large portion of the year were it not for said road.

7th. The part of the road which was planked and gravelled lasted in good condition for about eight years, and during that time required little statute labor to be done on it, but the labor which it would otherwise have been necessary to expend on the road was done on other roads in this Township.