The Company had let out contracts for the building o the road, and with the proceeds of the debentures, added to the amount paid in stock, the road was soon nearly completed. Twelve and a-half miles of it were finished, planked and gravelled, and the remainder, about three and a-half miles, (the whole length of the road being 16 miles,) was graded. In these operations there was properly expended, as appears by the books of the Company, *over and above the proceeds of the debentures*, a sum amounting very nearly to $6,500. The contracts were for sums considerably larger than the above, and by reason of the subsequent failure of the Company the contractors lost heavily, a large portion of the work done not having been paid for.

In 1855, when the funds at the disposal of the Company were exhausted, an application for a further loan of £4,000 was made to the Municipal Council; a vote of the ratepayers of the Township was taken as to granting this loan, and resulted in its favor by a small majority. A By-Law granting this second loan was subsequently passed, and debentures to the amount of £4,000 issued and delivered to the Treasurer of the Company; but before these were negotiated it was discovered that the By-Law had not been advertised for a sufficient length of time, and that consequently the By-Law was illegal.

The debentures issued under its authority were accordingly delivered up to the Township and cancelled, and a second meeting of the people was called to vote on the proposed second loan, and the vote resulted in the defeat of the By-Law by a majorrty of about thirty. There is most positive and unimpeachable evidence that these *two meetings* held with reference to the proposed SECOND loan were the ONLY MEETINGS called to express any opinion of the ratepayers as to the propriety of the Township TAKING STOCK IN, lending money to, or issuing debentures in favor of the Road Company, or assisting the same in any way whatsoever.