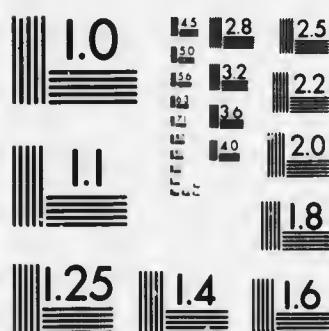
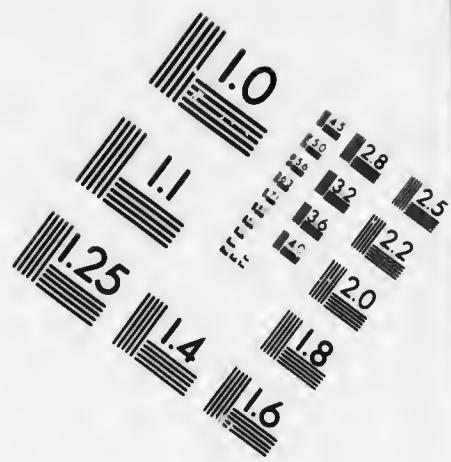
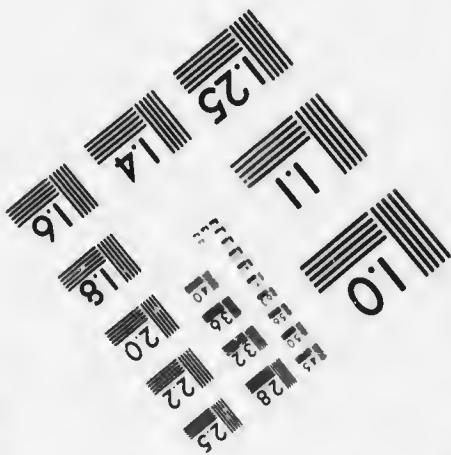


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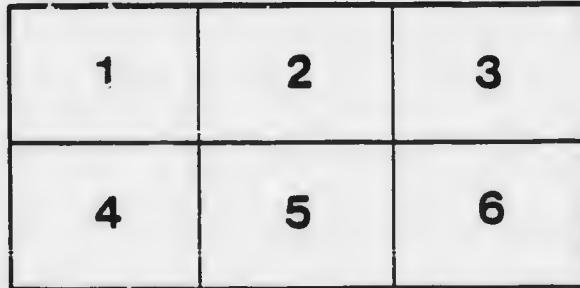
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Mr. Andrew Robinson was called to the chair, and Darius Shaw was voted secretary, and the following matters were read for the consideration of the meeting and adopted, and the following signatures were obtained:—

We the undersigned citizens of St. Catharines, Queenston, and Lewiston, do hereby associate and pledge ourselves to pay the sums set opposite our names, for the procurement of surveys, the defrayment of incidental expenses, and the negotiation of way rights, for the construction of a Rail-Road from Canada to Rochester, commencing at or near the east end of the Suspension Bridge, at Lewiston, thence east in the vicinity of the Ridge Road to the Genesee River adjacent to Rochester, and to a site to be affixed by the Directors under the general Rail-Road Law of the State of New York. *agree*

And in order to act unanimously in this cause we the undersigned collectively \_\_\_\_\_ that we will by our example in this enterprise endeavor to induce other citizens to hold meetings along the Ridge Road and with us add their names, their influence and their means, for the construction of this desirable thoroughfare.

And for the purpose of making the several subscriptions to this work feasible, available, and transferable, we, the subscribers, propose to create Four Hundred shares of stock, valued at Ten Dollars each, to be subscribed by the citizens at each of these several proposed meetings along the contemplated route of the said road.

And further, we the undersigned do hereby instruct our committees to use their influence with future Directors to render our subscriptions convertible into the stock of the said Road, and we further recommend that all minor subscriptions may be increased to TEN DOLLARS, when the owner thereof shall receive a certificate for a full share.

And we, the undersigned, with others of the aforesaid Meeting, appoint the following persons a committee for the supervision and prosecution of the aforesaid work:— *James Van Cleve*

Stephen Powell, J. P. Wright, Darius Shaw, Lemuel Cooke, Amos P. Tryon, O. P. Scovill, L. R. Scovill, Nelson Cornell, S. S. Hopkins, H. Hayward, Franklin Spalding, Richard Ayre, Charles Molony, R. H. Bentzon, A. V. E. Hotchkiss and P. P. Barton—which committee, with other committees chosen at subsequent meetings that may be held along the Ridge Road, shall have a like supervisory control and direction over the matters herein recommended, and over the funds hereby created, with power to employ agents, engineers, and assistants to procure way rights.

G. T.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1837

etc

Sold out to land & made up  
up to 100 ft. of a right of way from  
and help to build it until it reaches the  
villages of Firth & the selected place  
to clear for it there. — Opened road to  
exp. on it across place and built a  
key house etc. & it is now a right of way  
stretches across the country and extends  
back on the side of a hill, the path  
now is a winding road, and it only wants better  
fountain of water which is a name of the road  
so far as can be imagined over distance.

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1837

in 1837

James Van Cleve

