

He, however, paid no attention to the new council, and using his own means finished the road and then sued the council for the sum total. Then came the tug-of-war in law - one man against the township. Before the trial Mr. McCarty offered to settle the case for \$1,000 less than the original contract. The council would have none of it and the trial proceeded.

At the first trial which was held in London, more than 100 witnesses appeared in the case and when the judge saw the length of time it would take he refused to try the case by jury and appointed a judge for this special suit to be held in our own country at Woodstock. This took a long time with hard swearing on both sides. The verdict was in favour of the plaintiff giving the contractor his full claim and throwing the costs on the township. The engineers' fees and the costs of the trial doubled the original cost of the road and threw a heavy debt upon the township, causing heavy taxes for a good many years. The road, however, has proved very useful to the township.