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Fall of the Rutland Railroad

The Rise and Abrupt Fall of the Rutland Railroad," by Frank Kyper, chronicles the struggling Rutland Railroad as it attempted to make a profit and gain prestige from its start in 1849. After enduring a series of leaders, attempts to modernize, and disasters, such as the great flood of 1927, the Rutland continued to struggle in competition with other railroads. Many believed the Rutland would never make a profit, and just when it began to do so, the president of the railroad received permission from the ICC in 1962 to abandon the entire 392 miles of track.