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Fall of the Rutland Railroad

The cover depicts a sketch from the Rutland Daily Herald of December 1846, announcing the inevitability of the Rutland Railroad arriving to stay.

The ensuing article written by Frank Kyper, editor of *The Railroad Enthusiast* from 1966 until 1975, is a reprint from that magazine, entitled “The Rise and Abrupt Fall of the Rutland Railroad”.

The lengthy story, accompanied by photographs, including the disastrous impact of the flood of 1927, chronicles the Railroad’s struggles for profit and prestige. Competition from other roads, and a series of union strikes, led to its demise.

At its peak, in 1962, it abruptly abandoned its entire 392 miles of track with permission granted by the ICC. A fascinating account not only for railroad buffs, but for all those interested in the history of Rutland and the State.