No. 38.—From Cole's Island to Cape Tormentine.—40 Miles.

This Road passing over low marshy land is not in very good condition. There are only three considerable Bridges, of which one over Sunken Island requires rebuilding, and another over the Gaspereaux River, built in 1848 with hemlock abutments, and the largest Bridge on the line, will require repairing next season.

No. 39.—From Fredericton to Kent County Line.—56 Miles.

From Fredericton to Little River Mills, 21 miles, the Road is in passable condition, but requires skirting and draining. From Little River to Queen's County line, some parts are in good condition, and others require additional work to finish the turnpike and complete the formation. Beyond Queen's County line the Road is more or less unfinished; five miles have been cleared but not yet turnpiked, and three miles to the Kent County line have not yet been opened. The Bridges with one or two exceptions, need repairs, and next season one will require rebuilding over the south branch of the Salmon River, and a small one is requisite in the unopened portion, to complete the communication.

No. 40.—From Kent County Line to Richibucto.—44 Miles.

This Road is still unfinished, and the portion from Hudson's Brook to Queen's County line is not yet passable for waggons. The greater part of the expenditure has been at the Richibucto end, two Bridges have been repaired, culverts built, and the turnpike improved. A part hitherto only 12 feet wide has been opened out the full breadth, and a considerable portion of the distance from Richibucto to Bass River is now in a tolerable condition. One of the Bridges will require repairing during the next season, and that over the Gaspereaux should be rebuilt.

These two lines of Road will form, when finished, a communication between Fredericton and Richibucto, and their early completion will ensure another important through route from the River Saint John to the Gulf Shore.

No. 41.—From Tilley's Landing to Little River.—12 Miles.

During the last year 180 rods of the intervale which extends from Tilley's Landing for two miles towards the Little River Mills, has been turnpiked and gravelled, and is now in good condition. The other part of the intervale will require a similar course of proceeding before it can be maintained in efficient repair. The upper portion of the route, from the intervale to the Mills, and all the Bridges are in good preservation, and will not require repairing next season, unless damaged by the Spring freshet, to which a considerable portion of the route is exposed.

No. 42.—From Sussex Vale to Upham.—12 Miles.

Upon this Road two small Bridges have been built, and one has been repaired during the last season, and they are now all in good condition. The expenditure on the Bridges required nearly all the appropriation, and the amount left for the Road was insufficient to keep it in repair; it is consequently at present out of condition.

The foregoing lines of Great Road will require for the present year the erection of thirty new Bridges, and repairs to fifteen others, the estimated expense of which is £5,205.

The ordinary repairs and improvements to the various Roads, including small Bridges under £25 cost, and Culverts, are estimated at £7,295, making the total required for the Great Road service for the next year, £12,500.

The above is exclusive of liabilities and balances due on special Bridge contracts already entered into, and which will be hereafter described.

128 Bridges