

The advantage of such a water communication between the City of Saint John and the Mechanics' Settlement, as well as with all the rest of the Wilderness country in its vicinity, cannot be too highly appreciated.

I have reason to believe that a similar line of Road from the Mouth of Point Wolfe River, up the Valley of that River, to the interior, might be laid out with great advantage, but as it is not within my District, I merely allude to it.

There is considerable vacant Land at the western extremity of this County as yet almost unexplored and unknown. As there are no Settlements with which it could be connected advantageously, I am unable at present to make any recommendation respecting it.

My experience in Land Surveying leads me to concur most fully in your views of the most objectionable practice of permitting individuals to select Land under Warrants of Survey after the fashion now in use.

Instances have come under my notice, where a party, by selecting 100 acres of choice Intervale Land on the banks of a River or Stream, has so located it as to prevent the sale of any Land in the vicinity, or the formation of a Settlement in an eligible situation.

The party thus securing the first 100 acres, virtually obtained the control of the whole District; such practices cannot be reprehended too strongly.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

The Hon. Thomas Baillie, Sur. Gen.

ALBERT COUNTY.

Deputy STILES' Report.

Hopewell, December 8, 1848.

SIR,—In conformity with your Honor's commands, respecting a Circular dated the 16th day of November, 1848—

There is no part of the County of Albert where a Road would be of more importance than from the Shepody Road, to commence near where the Road from Salmon River comes into the Shepody Road, and extending north to Coverdale River, a distance of about five or six miles, as the land is very level, and of an excellent quality for settling, and it would open a short and convenient communication for all the Settlers in the Parish of Elgin to the County Buildings, and also to the Shepody River and Salmon River, where it is navigable for vessels all seasons in the year. There would be no Bridges of any consequence, or very little swampy Land, and the Road might be made on a north line till it comes near the banks of the Coverdale, and the Lots laid out east and west; and I am of an opinion that this Road might be made for about £100; and if once opened, it would be immediately settled, and would be of more benefit than all that contemplated line of Road from the Ferry Point to the Mechanics' Settlement. And as the Road from Hopewell to Hammond River runs so near the heads of the Streams leading from the Bay Shore, to clear the vaults, that there is nothing to prevent running a number of Roads back on a north line to the Coverdale River, through a large level tract of Land, and the best Land for settling in the County; and if Roads were once opened through this tract, I think it would be immediately settled, as the Land to the north of the Road leading from Hopewell to Hammond River, near the Coverdale River, is far superior to the Land on that Road; and if laid out with Roads running north and south, would be quite convenient to Harbours on the Bay Shore, and would connect the Parish of Elgin to Harvey and Hopewell, and shorten the distance about 40 miles from the Road now travelled round by Hillsborough,