

Colonization Roads.

Ever since Confederation the Government has expended annually large sums of money in opening up the northern parts of Ontario to settlement. It has been found that, in order to invite settlers to take up land, roads had sometimes to be built in advance of settlement, and sometimes to enable settlers already located to reach the market either at railway stations or elsewhere. The total expenditure on Colonization Roads from July 1, 1867, to Dec. 31, 1871, was \$189,595.91, and from 1872 to 1901 inclusive, \$3,338,743.28, a total of \$3,528,339.19.

The following table shows the number of miles constructed prior to 1871, and since that date:—

	1867-71.	1872-1901.
New roads built	213 miles	5,292 miles
Roads repaired	441 miles	14,546 "
Bridges built	2,672 feet	114,003 feet

Temiskaming Railway Survey.

The necessity for a more convenient means of communication with the agricultural belt at the head of Lake Temiskaming has been created by the rapid influx of settlers to that district. Looking to its early construction, the Legislature at the session of 1901 appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of locating a line of railway to supply this need. The survey was commenced in June, 1901, Mr. W. B. Russel, an engineer of wide experience, being in charge. The route, as at present surveyed, commences near North Bay, and is now more than half located, passing through a territory of varied mineral, timber and agricultural resources. The survey will be completed early in the spring of this year, and although the most difficult portion has now been covered, an excellent location providing for easy grades has been secured, no engineering difficulties have been encountered, and the cost of railway construction will therefore be very moderate.

Inspection of Division Courts.

The inspection of Division Courts is an important branch of the public service, as shown by the figures given in the annual reports.

In 1900, according to the official returns, there were entered 38,386 suits—exclusive of transcripts of judgment and judgment summonses. The total claims aggregated \$1,202,745.

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