

is not yet passable for wheel carriages all the way through. From Oak Bay to Little Digdeguash, about half the distance, it can now be travelled throughout the year, though a great part of it is very rough. There are only four small Bridges on it, and if once well finished, it could be maintained at comparatively small expense.

The northern end of the Road from Eel River has been much cut up the last season by the operations of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway, which runs nearly parallel to the Road, and the Contractors for which have carried a great part of their supplies, iron, and other materials, over it. During the prosecution of these works the traffic on this Road, will be on parts very heavy, and it will consequently require more attention than would be otherwise necessary.

*No. 27.—From Dead Water Brook to Saint Stephen.—17 Miles.*

This line leaves the Great Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, at Dead Water Brook Bridge, a few miles west of the River Magaguadavic. Thence crossing the Digdeguash, and the Saint Andrews and Canada Railway, it runs through a very level country to the Town of Saint Stephen. Between Dead Water Brook and Digdeguash, 3 miles, it has not yet been opened. From that point to the Oak Bay and Eel River Road, has been but partly made; thence to Moore's Mills, it has been turnpiked the greater part of the way, and forward to Saint Stephen, it is very good. There are four Bridges on it at present, two of them good, the other two old. A new additional Bridge will be required over the Digdeguash when the Road is opened the whole length. When this Road is completed, the distance from Fredericton to Calais will be reduced to about 63 miles.

*No. 28.—From Lower Trout Brook to the Town of Magaguadavic.—38 Miles.*

Commencing near the northern boundary of Charlotte County, this Road passes over the Flume Ridge, down the western side of the Magaguadavic River, through the Village at the Upper Mills, and crossing the Young Bridge, extends to the Town of Saint George. About 14 miles of the upper end of the Road is unfinished, and barely passable, but from the Upper Mills downwards the turnpike is pretty good all the way. The freshet last Spring gullied out and injured a large portion of the Road on the intervale near the Young Bridge, the repair of which cost £18 15s. There are one large and several small Bridges on the line, all in tolerable condition, but one of the spans of the Young Bridge requires strengthening by additional stringers, and other small repairs; the remainder of the Bridge will probably not require any outlay the coming season.

*No. 29.—From Salisbury to Harvey.—44 Miles.*

This Road, after leaving the Saint John and Nova Scotia Road, crosses the Petiscodioc River into the Parish of Coverdale, passing through a district but thinly settled. In this Parish the Road is generally flat, and with unfavourable materials for road making, its present condition is indifferent. It then passes through the Parishes of Hillsborough and Hopewell, crossing a hilly district through which the making and maintenance of the Road is difficult and expensive. The Bridges, some of them large and important structures, are generally in good condition; four of them were repaired last year, and for the ensuing season two or three will need minor repairs, and one over M'Ray's Creek will require rebuilding.

*No. 30.—From Isaac Derry's to Point Wolf.—25 Miles.*

The eastern section of this Road, from Isaac Derry's to Salmon River, is in passable condition. Early last year an ice freshet seriously damaged the Bridge over this stream, and the Supervisor was authorized to procure the necessary timber and proceed at once with the repairs. The cost of this absorbed the greater portion of the Grant for the Road, and prevented the carrying out of the contemplated improvement on that portion of the Road west of the Salmon River, which is at present unfinished, and which consequently remains in the condition reported last year. Of the other two Bridges on the line, one was new in 1856, and the other built in 1851 is still in good order, and neither will require any outlay for the coming season.