

whatever may be the strength, vigor, and courage of the foreign settler, none can surpass the Canadian as a pioneer.

The friends of the country trust that a vigorous impulse will be given to colonization by a grant proportionate to its actual wants; for, as regards the question of colonization, the judicious money grant is a gain and not a loss.

The settlers, for their part, are anxiously expecting the opening of new roads; for it must not be forgotten that if courage has been their guide to the midst of the forest, it is hope that keeps them there.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

BOUCHER DE LA BRUÈRE,

In charge of the Col. Roads, L. C.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF CHICOUTIMI.

Kinogami Road.

Conductor—J. B. GAUDIN.

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| Balance of appropriation from 1860 | - | - | - | \$148 69 |
| Appropriation for 1861 | - | - | - | 1200 00 |
| | | | | \$1348 69 |
| Amount disbursed | - | - | - | 1348 69 |

This grand means of colonization, the projected length of which is about 48 miles, begins at Beau Portage on the river Chicoutimi, and is to extend to Metabetchouan on Lake St. John.

This road is now open as far as lot No. 31 of the first double range of the Township of Caron. One mile and seventy-one chains were opened in 1861, one mile and fifty-eight chains of which are completed, and thirteen chains as yet only cleared; the whole in the Township of Caron.

The part completed has cost \$540 per mile, not including the bridges.

Eight bridges, forming in the whole a length of 189 feet, have been constructed at a cost of \$173.

Twenty-eight miles of this road may be travelled by wheel vehicles, and fifteen miles by winter vehicles only.

It is highly necessary that the five miles of road which remain to be opened should be completed during the approaching season, for all the lands on each side of the projected route were taken up during last summer, and there is not a single lot the clearing of which has not been commenced. The poor settlers hope that the Government will come to their aid, and open the road as far as Metabetchouan.

The part extending along Lake Kinogami, and which is now opened only as a winter road, ought also to be completed, as should also the bridges which have already been commenced over the Rivers aux Sable and Chicoutimi.

The road must at some future time be continued beyond Metabetchouan, through the Townships of Charlevoix, Omatehouan, Roberval, and Chamouchouan, in which there are, even now, a good many settlers.

Mr. Gaudin makes the following remarks in his Report:—

“The colonization of the magnificent lands in the vicinity of Lake St. John depends entirely on the opening of the Kinogami road, for the difficulty with which the poor settlers, who now reside there, have managed to get there is apparent to all. Their effects have cost them twice as much as they would if they had had a good road for their transport. Many have been discouraged, and are waiting for the completion of the road. During last summer I met several persons from the south side of the River St. Lawrence, who told me