

cabin upon a spot at which a tow boat or batteau cannot reach him. The facilities thus given for the progress of settlement can scarcely be overrated; in every quarter of the Province you will find the settlements strung along the rivers and streams, as though threaded on them. The great portion of the ungranted lands, lying in the interior, on the east of the St. John, are thus rendered accessible. The upper waters of the Tobique, Restigouche and Miramichi, open up a magnificent agricultural district, covered with a forest which bears unmistakable testimony to the quality and the strength of the soil which sustains it.

Upon our Roads much attention has always been bestowed by our Government. No new country, with the population of New Brunswick scattered over its extent of territory, has done more for these means of accommodation than ours. The Great Roads, and lines of postal communication are under the direct management and supervision of the Executive, and claim a large share of the annual revenue. And the Bye Road service has ever been considered, as it naturally should be, an interest of the first importance. There is not, I verily believe, a settlement in New Brunswick, however remote or obscure, which has not had Government aid in the construction and repair of the roads by which its inhabitants communicate with and reach the markets of the world outside. The present system of surveying tracts of Crown Lands for settlement is, in the first place to survey through them, from end to end, the location for a good and easy road, one which will not merely look well upon a plan, but be really practicable for men and for teams; and then to lay off the lots on both sides of this road, and fronting upon it. Whenever a settlement is commenced, the settlers can claim their share of the annual Bye Road grant for the County, and have their claim allowed. And besides this, they can pay for the land upon which they settle by work upon the roads crossing them; so that the very purchase money of their homesteads is expended in constructing their own highways, and affording them communication with their neighbours. The general excellence of our roads attracted the notice of Professor Johnston, who makes some complimentary remarks upon the attention which is devoted to them. In this respect we have nothing to fear in comparison with any other country as new and sparsely populated as our own.