

we meet with as far as Metabetchouan, can be easily bridged. At the last mentioned place the bridge, which is absolutely necessary, will not cost less than £600.

"We therefore require a sum of £5000 to open and complete the Kinogami Road throughout its entire length.

"The localities which next in order offer the greatest inducements to settlers, are the Townships of Simard, Tremblay, and Harvey. I have always considered the two first named Townships as the finest tract of land on the River Saguenay, but settlers have been prevented from occupying them by the want of roads. So soon, however, as it was decided that the road which in your report you were pleased to call the "Price Road," should pass through the centre of these Townships, and so soon as the road between the Saguenay and the main road was commenced, settlers rushed in and have since formed the new parish of St. Anne.

"A church has been erected, a priest resides there, and nearly all the lots in Simard from the 1st to the 7th range have been settled by the members of families from the old settlements in the neighborhood, and Les Eboulements.

"This fall a party of settlers from Beauport took possession of 40 or 50 lots from the 5th to the 8th range of those Townships. They are now engaged in clearing their lots to put in seed next spring. They expect a large number of their friends to join them in the spring. I therefore consider that it would be proper to appropriate a sum of money to open the road to the ninth range, in order that these courageous settlers may be enabled to convey their effects and families to the lots which they intend to purchase. It would require a sum of \$2800 to open this road.

"The main road should also be opened as at present laid out for at least 5 miles on each side of the route, and once this nucleus is formed, the front roads in each range will be easily opened by the settlers themselves.

"It is also necessary to build a bridge over the river Valin, in the Township of Tremblay. The Township of St. John on the river Saguenay, has attracted some attention since the commencement of the road from L'Anse St. Jean, to enable the settlers to open up their lands and to communicate with the Upper Saguenay and the St. Lawrence. This road will eventually be a branch of the main road now being constructed by the Department of Public Works, to communicate between Grande Baie and Malbaie. This new road will open up for colonization an area of 240 square miles, of good land, which the Government purpose offering in part to settlers next year.

"St. John is principally settled by young families from Les Eboulements. There is a fine church with a resident priest, and flour and saw mills. The Municipal and School Laws are there in full operation, and a Post Office has been established. This locality possesses the finest climate in Lower Canada, and will, before many years, be one of the finest parishes in the country.

"It would require a sum of £600 to open up the road to its junction with the road from St. Agnès, which is the only outlet from this settlement.

"The other settlements on the Upper Saguenay are progressing favorably, and with some more assistance from the Colonization Fund to aid in the construction of bridges over the River du Sable at Beau Portage, and over the River Valin, to open up two roads of two miles each, one between the 7th and 8th ranges of Chicoutimi, another in the division line between Bagot and Chicoutimi to its junction with La Terrière, both roads being, on account of the swampy nature of the soil, too costly for the limited means of the settlers, and the completion of the Sydenham Road, colonization will advance rapidly throughout this District.

"To complete the Sydenham Road would require a sum of \$500 to \$600.

"It is extraordinary to see the effect produced by the drainage in the construction of the roads, upon the adjacent marshy lands. Oats sown in July, merely for forage, grew to a height of 6 to 7 feet and ripened to perfection. This is almost incredible, but I will cite a fact: all these lots of land are taken up, many have been placed under crop this year, and there is no doubt that the remainder will be next year.

The St. Urbain Road, which is our principal outlet towards Quebec and the St. Lawrence, is not yet completed, owing to the want of funds. I am in hopes that it will be finished next year, as there are only 12 miles to complete, and the bridge over the River Malbaie to be built, the necessary timber being already on the spot.