

some work to surmount, from which point to Ferguson's Falls no great difficulty is met with. Passing round the northern point of the hill at this place, we bear in a straight line, through a wooded flat, for the Village of Lanark, crossing the Clyde (some 150 feet in width). A little north of the village, near McLean's Rapids, we meet with some rough ground at our point of crossing, after passing which we get into a low reach, and pass out of the Township of Lanark, in the centre of Lot No. 2, and continue in a direct line to near Playfair's Mills. At this point, or in Lot No. 1, in the 3rd Concession, our line is crossed by a ridge of sand, which will require a heavy cut. In our descent to the river, we have the advantage of a gully, which will enable us to reach the river with comparatively easy work. At our point of crossing the Mississippi River, on the same line between Bathurst and Dalhousie, we find a very favourable point for bridging, the stream being not over 60 feet in width, with good banks and rocky bottom, the depth of water about 4 feet. A corresponding gully on the opposite side enables us to rise a small summit, crossing which and passing to the south of Shank's house, we drop into the valley of Bolton's Creek, in Lot 18, in the 12th Concession of Bathurst.

Another line to this point of our route may be had further to the south, leaving the line described in the 12th Concession of Lanark, and rounding the hill at Ferguson's Falls, on the south side, and passing over the drained lands lying to the east of the Village of Lanark, and passing south of the village, cross the Clyde a little to the west in Lot No. 1, in the 2nd Concession. The land from this point to Playfair's Mills is more broken and difficult than the northern route, but on closer examination may be found preferable. At present my opinion is in favor of the northern route.

Resuming our former line, we continue up the valley of Bolton's Creek, crossing it in about Lot 5, and into the 11th Concession. As the valley contracts at Mitchell's Mills, and the banks become rocky and precipitous, it was found necessary to leave the creek; and by availing ourselves of a large valley running through the centre of the 11th Concession,