

selected for the Scotch Colony, I found that about eight miles of the road line had been cleared of the trees, and that some of the houses were not yet completed. Better progress had been made than I expected. I made the best arrangements I could for more active operations, so as to be as well prepared as possible for the arrival of the colony. The great depth of snow at this date was very much against success in this matter.

After spending a day at the settlement, Messrs. Taylor and McHardy returned to St. John to obtain supplies for the store which they were to establish for the reception of the colony. Messrs. Patterson and Harper remained in the district.

THE DANISH COLONISTS.

The best that could be done for the Danish colonists during the winter was to give them some chopping of land for the Danish immigration (to arrive in the Spring under the contract with Capt. Heller), and the clearing out of some of the road line on which the expected colonists would be located. Many of these settlers found work in the County of Victoria, outside of the colony, they having, since their arrival in New Brunswick, acquired sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable them to undertake almost any manual labor they were able to obtain.

Though the winter was very severe, good health prevailed among them; and on my visiting them, about the 21st April, I found they had passed through the winter quite as satisfactorily as I had expected they would.

I found, however, that there would be a great difficulty in satisfactorily carrying out the arrangement in Capt. Heller's contract, whereby the Government agreed to secure to them work for two years; and, during this visit, I made efforts to arrange with them to accept the same terms as were secured to Capt. Brown's colonists, and succeeded at this time with some of them.

Expecting a considerable addition this year to this colony, I was required to make some preparation for their reception at the colony; and made arrangements for the erection of a building, 100 feet long by 18 feet wide, which I divided into eight rooms, in each of which I placed a cooking stove.

Already some of the colonists had made arrangements to remove from the "temporary accommodation" provided for in Capt. Heller's contract. With this temporary accommodation vacated, and such other accommodation as I was able to obtain in the settlement, I believed I could, with the building I then contracted for, make comfortable provision for the number I expected. The snow at this settlement, at this date, was very deep for the season of the year.

On my way down the river, I learned that Capt. Heller and part of his colony had arrived, and the Scotch colony with Capt. Brown had sailed. I advised that the Danes be retained at St. John, and employment be obtained for them there, if possible, until the the season should be more advanced, the snow gone, and the building completed.

The active demand for labor on the St. John Water Works afforded an opportunity for this suggestion being carried out. Temporary accommodation was

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