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OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN DUNDAS STREET ROAD.

TORONTO, 21st July, 1837.

SIR,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the improvements had, and the expenditure incurred by the Trustees of the Western Dundas Street Road, under the provisions of the Statute passed the 20th day of April last past, with a detail of the payments made, and abstract of balances unexpended, as also the plan and sections of the Surveyor employed, with his abstract of measured work on those contracts which accompany the Report.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

W. W. BALDWIN,

Chairman of the Board of
Trustees under the Statute.

To J. JOSEPH, Esq.,

Provincial Secretary,

Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

To His Excellency Sir FRANCIS BOND HEAD, Knight
Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic
Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of
Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of
Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

The Trustees appointed by the Act of the Legislature, passed the 20th April, 1836, to continue the improvements on the "Dundas Street Road,"

Beg leave respectfully to Report,

That having met under and by virtue of the authority of this Act of the Provincial Parliament, the Trustees considered it first necessary to visit the Road placed thereby under their superintendence, and to examine into, and determine what parts most needed the expenditure of the money placed at their disposal on this duty, taking with them an experienced Surveyor with whom to advise. They also determined that, for the present, the improvement of the Dundas Street westerly from the point where the work of last season terminated, should be continued on the same plan and mode of employment upon which it was conducted last season by Mr. Denison, one of the Commissioners appointed under the preceding as well as the present Act of Parliament, that time might not be lost: and it was also determined that all work to be done should be of a permanent description; that is to say, that no part of the funds should be laid out on temporary repairs, but that every portion of the Road subjected to the contemplated improvement, should either be finished finally by macadamization, or placed in such a state as while the work to be done should greatly improve its condition for immediate use, it should leave it

levelled, grubbed, and straightened, and its steep and dangerous ascents and declivities reduced, and rendered fit for the reception of stone at a future time. Thus the Trustees concurred as to the general view of the subject, when, on the twenty-sixth of May, having some reason to hope that some reasonable contracts might be effected with different persons for certain portions of the Road, it was determined by the Trustees to suspend for a time the work on Dundas Street, as continued from last year, till contracts for the several sections to be laid out might be advertised for. Mr. David Gibson being engaged by the Trustees as Surveyor and Engineer, on the 31st of May, made his Report of surveys and plans to a full Board of the Trustees, who, upon Mr. Gibson's exhibition and explanation of them, approved highly of his work. He divided the Road to be improved into fifty-three sections of twenty chains each, which were, after long consideration and discussion, arranged, and the degree of improvement assigned thus:—

1. That part of the Road from section 1 to 19, inclusive, to be opened, grubbed, and turnpiked, and all necessary bridges and culverts made, but not macadamized.

2. That part thereof from No. 19 to 24, last inclusive, to be macadamized, and the hills on each side of the River Humber to be cut down and levelled to a declivity of one foot in twenty, should the nature of the ground admit, as also the hill at section 24.

3. That part from section 25 to 33, inclusive, to be opened, grubbed, and turnpiked, and all necessary bridges or culverts made.

4. That part included on sections 34, 35, 36, and part of 37, to be macadamized.

5. The residue of section 37, with section 38, 39, 40, and 41, to be opened, grubbed and turnpiked.

It was at the time deemed prudent, and so resolved on, not to extend the work further than section 41, and that the sections from 19 to 24 be first begun, which, however, was not to interfere with the work on Lot Street, which was directed by the Statute to be commenced—that the broken stone on Lot Street should be 20 feet wide and 10 inches deep, in the manner of the previous work done thereon, and that the macadamized work from Colonel Givens' angle, Westward, should be 16 feet wide and 10 inches deep. Those arrangements having been approved of by the Board unanimously, advertisements were printed and issued in all the neighboring places. On the 15th June, a full Board of the Trustees met at Thomson Smith's tavern, at the Humber River, to receive tenders. At this meeting nine several tenders were made for several sections of the work, of which seven were rejected as altogether extravagant in the proposal, and two were accepted, which two, nevertheless, were abandoned, one by the Trustees, under the conviction of the inability