

RECAPITULATION.

Total for iron, labor for do.	£1107	5	0
Total for masonry with labor,	230	0	0
Total for wood work with labor,	108	16	0
Tools and Powder for blasting, &c. &c.	50	0	0
Extra for contingencies,	200	0	0
	£1696	1	0

I have the honor, &c.
(Signed)

C. WEBBER SMITH,
Lt. R. A.

No. 6.

[See Journal 21st February, 1842.]

Saint John, 16th February, 1842.

SIR,—I beg leave to submit the following statement for the consideration of His Excellency :—

During my absence from Saint John in forming a Settlement at Eel River, my son received applications for ungranted Lands from one hundred and fifty persons. The total number of applicants at my office now amount to three hundred, and the whole number of persons in this City and its vicinity who are desirous of settling upon wild Lands is not less than one thousand; but the greater part of this number are too poor to sustain themselves while they are clearing for and raising a crop.

Of the three hundred who have applied to me for information and advice, thirty require no aid from the Government; ten of them have been sent to Eel River, ten wish to settle upon the Saint Andrews Road on the Magaguadavic, and ten are preparing to leave for the Victoria Settlement. I have thought it advisable to separate them in divisions, as they afford assistance to the poorer classes wherever they go. One hundred could be settled with an advance of five pounds for each family, and one hundred and seventy families could be settled at eight pounds per family, including the cost of seed for the first crop. It has now been satisfactorily proved that Settlements can be formed in this Province at any season of the year, and such as are made in the Winter will have the advantage of a crop during the ensuing Summer.

One of the good effects of opening a new Settlement is the spirit of others to follow the first pioneers. A number of persons of considerable property are now embarking for Eel River, where the first difficulties have been overcome, and several persons from Ireland have already written to their friends to join them in the Spring.

It is much to be regretted that so many families have been so far reduced by recent changes in the price of labour that they are unable to support themselves in the forest while a crop is being prepared for; but to direct the attention of these persons to Agriculture and to aid them in clearing the Wilderness Lands, is not only an act of benevolence but also one of great importance to the Province—if properly conducted it would lay the foundation of a sound Emigration hereafter.

If any funds could be appropriated to the establishment of new Settlements, I would beg