

land. The greatest part of the country, however, is unfit for settlement, being cut up with thick spruce barrens and cedar swamps. NEW BRUNSWICK.

There are no remote settlements of any note in my district, the settlers confining themselves chiefly to the banks of the different rivers and their tributaries. The greatest obstacle which prevents parties from going farther up the country to settle, is the want of roads to encourage them to do so.

I have conversed with several persons lately on the subject of laying out roads, &c., as proposed by you, and I am glad to find that they are mutually in favour with the plan.

I would suggest, that if a road be run due west from the post road about one mile south of Martin Flanagan's for about five miles, and roads laid off north and south, at proper distances, laying out lots, would pass through good land, and would connect a fine ridge of hard-wood land that lies south of the Bay du Vin River with the post road.

That a road be run west from the mill on the little Black River (Kouchibouguac), until it would strike the post road, laying off lots as the land would suit; it would also connect the settlement on the Black River with the post road.

That a road be run westerly from the upper settler on the north side of the Kouchibouguac River, and roads to run north and south between Tweedie's and M'Innis' Brook, would pass through good ridges of land.

That a road be run on the south side of the Kouchibouguac River, commencing at the upper settlement, running up stream until it would cross the eastern meridian of Range 10 of "Layton's great Survey," and thence roads to run north and south, laying off lots as the land would permit.

That a road be run westerly from the upper settlers on the south side of the Aldouane River, for about two miles, passing through a hard-wood ridge, which is already applied for.

That a road be run westerly from the upper settlers on the north side of the Molus River, for about seven miles, and roads to run north and south at proper distances, and laying out lots as the land would permit.

That a road be run westerly from the upper settlers on the south side of the Bass River, for about five miles, crossing the above-mentioned meridian, and roads to run north and south, at proper distances, and laying off lots as the land would permit, would go through good ridges of land.

The expense of running these different roads would not be so much, as some of the lines of "Layton's great Survey" would in many instances answer, by retracing them, and replacing the boundaries of the lots where they have been cut and knocked down by lumber-men.

The expense of the bridges would also not be as would be imagined, as the largest rivers the roads would cross, do not exceed one chain in width.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Peter Merzerall,*
Deputy-surveyor.

The Honourable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor-general,
&c. &c. &c.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Deputy *James Davidson's* Report.

Sir,

Miramichi, 4 December 1848.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular of the 16th ultimo, requiring me to furnish you with information as to good tracts of land for settlement, &c. There is an excellent tract of land in rear of the granted lands from Burnt Church to Neguac, extended back towards Stymist's Mill Stream, and easterly to the granted land on the west side of Tabusintack River. There is also a good tract of land on the north side of Little Tracadie River, above the head of the tide, extending upwards, and back towards Pocmouche River. There is also an extensive tract of good land between Pocmouche River and the south branch of Caraquet River, extending from the upper settlement on Caraquet River, I think, to the Bathurst Road; and if a road were opened from the upper settlement on the south branch of Caraquet to the Bathurst Road, about eleven miles south of Bathurst, it would pass through a fine tract of hard-wood land. The whole distance would be about 24 miles, and I am not aware of any bridges, except small ones, that would be required in the whole distance.

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I have, &c.

(signed) *James Davidson,*
Deputy-surveyor.

Honourable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor-general,
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