

the roads through the best settling land, even at the risk of being more circuitous and incurring more expense. The Aroostook road, as laid out to the river, appears to have been very happily located in this respect. But from the Aroostook to the Madawaska settlement it appears, from what observations I could make, to pass through a tract of country less abounding in good settling land than if it were laid out farther west or east of its present location. There are two courses on the west side of its present position which it would be well to examine thoroughly. First up the Great Machias and west of the Upper Eagle lake, thence bearing easterly till it strikes Fish river terminating at the junction of this river with the St. John—or second, up the east side of the Little Machias and the Upper Eagle lake, and crossing the stream which connects the Upper lake with the one immediately below, and thence running down on the westerly side of Fish river, as before mentioned. Another avenue which it would be desirable for the State to open, would be from the town of Houlton to the mouth of Presquile, and thence to Madawaska settlement. A road from near the mouth of the Masardis or St. Croix to the Grand Falls of the Aroostook, would give as many thoroughfares through this territory perhaps as the State ought to construct. The various connecting roads should be made by settlers or proprietors.

The late Surveyor General, Dr. Whipple, very politely furnished me with a plan of a road running