

REPORT.

*To His Honor, the Honorable Samuel L. Tilley, C. B., Lieutenant Governor
of the Province of New Brunswick :—*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,—

The discharge of the various, and in many respects arduous, duties devolved upon me during the past year, in carrying out the administration of the Immigration policy of the Government, has called for more assiduous attention, and greater sacrifice of personal and private interest, than has usually been required of the Surveyor General of the Province; and it now becomes my pleasing duty to make a report to your Honor upon the efforts in Immigration to New Brunswick made since the date of my last report, and the success which has attended them.

The operations of last winter in the preparation for Immigrants to arrive under the arrangement with Captain Brown, as contained in the minutes of Council of 16th August, 1872, referred to in my last report, were prosecuted with as much success as the severity of the winter permitted. The early setting in of cold, accompanied with the frequent and heavy snow storms, prevented much being done in road making. The house contractors proceeded with their building; and I have to thank them for the energy with which they prosecuted their work against many difficulties they had not contemplated when they entered into their contracts. Owing to the depth of the early snows, the land chopping could not be done so satisfactorily as it could have been done in ordinary winter seasons. The survey of the tract was made by Deputy Beckwith into one hundred, and two hundred, acre lots, fronting on the different roads; the routes of which were determined according to the general outline furnished by Captain Brown. There was considerable correspondence with Capt. Brown, with regard to the progress of his work, and in connection with his undertaking. I met him in Boston on the 28th January, 1873, and got a full report of what had been done in Scotland.

During the Session of the Legislature, most cordial support was given to the efforts of the Government; and no difficulty was found in carrying out the recommendation for a larger appropriation for Immigration than heretofore, to enable the Government to fulfil the contracts with Captain Heller and Captain Brown; the policy of which latter was generally complimented and fully endorsed.

I had not, during the winter, the opportunity of personally visiting the works. On the 16th April, however, I proceeded, in company with Messrs. Taylor, McHardy, Patterson and Harper, four of the colonists' associates of Captain Brown, who had shortly before that date arrived in New Brunswick, to visit the work of preparation for them and their fellow associates. On arriving at the district