

for the passage of the Mail Carriers, but of Troops at all seasons of the year. In connexion with this subject I have to invite your early attention to a Despatch which I have received from the Secretary of State, and which I shall cause to be laid before you, relative to the establishment, by the Home Government, of Steam Packets, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails to Halifax, and suggesting that the improvement of the Roads and Communications between that place and Quebec should be brought under the consideration of the Provincial Legislatures,—and with reference to that part of them which passes through this Province, I recommend to your consideration the great advantage, as well with a view to expediting and facilitating our intercourse with Lower Canada, as to the opening and settlement of the Country, which would attend the early completion of the 'Royal Road,' upon which so large a sum has been already expended. I am happy to say that the result of a recent examination of that Road, which I shall direct to be laid before you, appears satisfactorily to prove that the land through which it passes, is in general well adapted for settlement. In further connexion with this line, I would draw your attention to the recent exploration of the obstructions in the bed of the Saint John River, above Fredericton, the report of which will also be laid before you; and I would further suggest an immediate exploration of a Road direct from Fredericton to the Restigouche, to strike that River opposite to the commencement of the 'Metis Road.' This line might perhaps be advantageously connected with the 'Royal Road,' and also with the Settlement of Stanley. I would likewise suggest the improvement of the Road from Bathurst to Dalhousie and Campbelltown,—also the shortening of that from Sackville, in the County of Westmorland, to the Nova Scotia Province Line, across the 'Tantamar Marsh.' All the other lines of Great Roads will doubtless receive a due share of your attention. I would more particularly indicate that from Saint Andrews to Fredericton and Saint John, including on the latter line a more safe, expeditious and convenient passage across the mouth of the River Saint John than at present exists,—an improvement by which the whole of the western section of the Province, including Fredericton and the City of Saint John itself, would be greatly benefited; to this object Legislative aid has already been afforded. The experience which I have recently had of the advantages possessed by the Port of 'Shediac,' as a convenient point for connecting the Navigation of the Bay of Fundy with that of Northumberland Straits and the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, will, I trust, be turned to future useful account; and I would suggest the appropriation of a small sum to be applied to the objects of erecting a Jetty, or Wharf, in that Harbour, and making a correct survey of the channel leading to it, with a view to determine any doubt which may now exist as to its safe and perfect accessibility during the whole of the open season of the year.

"A Petition praying for the appointment of a Collector of the Customs at Shediac, for the general advantage of that Port, Cocagne, and Buctouche, will be laid before you, with a view to provision being made for the office, should you concur with me in opinion as to its necessity.

"To the enlightened Legislature of a Country whose soil is eminently fertile, and whose climate requires nothing but a system of Agriculture properly adapted to it, to ensure to the cultivator a certain and an abundant return, it can scarcely be necessary to suggest the advantages of giving encouragement to agricultural pursuits; the mode
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