

The entire cost, provisions included would be per diem.

1 Manager	-	-	15s.
3 Indians 5s.	-	-	15s.
2 Farmers 5s.	-	-	10s.

40s. per diem.

One month would be sufficient for exploring any tract that it would be desirable to explore at present with a view of opening new settlements, which would give an entire expense to the public of about sixty pounds.

The manager ought to be able to ascertain pretty correctly the latitude and longitude of the places where he may happen to be—He ought to keep a journal in which he should insert daily his course and distance with his observations.

1. On the weather and temperature.

2. On the timber and other productions of the soil.

3. On the face of the country, including of course whether level or broken or gullied, streams, swamps, mountains, extending at least by his own observations the daily exertions of his men to a breadth of several leagues, by daily view (if practicable) from the tops of trees and in high situations a distance of a great many leagues, particularly noticing the sorts of timber on the views beyond the excursions of his assistants.

4. On the nature of the soil, mentioning particularly the nature of the ledges of stone or rock which may be discovered. The stones brought down by the rivers and the nature of the substrata along their banks.

5. On the most advantageous route for a road, which ought as much as practicable make his own tract.

This tract he ought to lay down on a plan or sketch of the face of the Country, shewing every day's march with the distances, the direction and apparent course of all streams he may have crossed, their breadth, current and the character of their waters, and the composition of the soil through which they pass. It would not be amiss for him to blaze or mark on the trees his general course.

A great many other things necessary to be done occasionally will strike any experienced and intelligent manager who may be employed.

From my present information the parts of the country in which exploring parties might be advantageously employed are as follows—viz :

ON THE NORTH SHORE

1. A Party, by water, to explore the Coast and mouths of the principal rivers falling into the St. Lawrence from the Province line to the Saguenay.

2. The Saguenay from where the Mountains or highlands begin to recede from the River, including Lake St. John and the country about the mouths of the Rivers falling into that lake, ascending the most navigable of them to the second fall or series of rapids, so as to get a near view of the mountains of primitive formation.