

There is also an excellent tract of Land situate between Salmon River and Coal Creek, extending up Stream about 20 miles, which I think, if surveyed, would soon be occupied, and also prevent squatters from settling irregularly, as they now are.

Having recommended the above tracts of Land to be surveyed for Settlement, without any regard to my own personal interest, I beg leave to remark, that I am highly pleased with the idea of having the present pernicious system of surveying superseded by a more beneficial one, yet I despair of ever seeing the County settled under the present system of disposing of the Crown Lands. I would recommend that labour performed in opening the Roads, and clearing a certain quantity of the wilderness lands be a sufficient remuneration (under proper system,) to entitle the hardy and industrious Settler to a grant of a certain quantity of Land.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT SNELL, *Deputy.*

Honorable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor General, &c. &c. &c.

### KENT COUNTY.

Deputy DOUGLASS' Report.

*Buctouche, December 7, 1848.*

SIR,—In answer to your Circular of the 16th of November last, I beg leave to inform you that in the District in which I reside, I know of no Settlement that is not connected either to the Buctouche or the Cocagne by Roads already made, but they are of a very inferior quality.

There is at present no inducement for young men to enter on agricultural pursuits, on account of Roads not being opened through good Lands. They say a mere line will not entice us to enter into the forest to take up Land, but if Roads were once opened so that we could immediately improve it, we would take pleasure in purchasing.

There are several good tracts of Land, through which, if Roads were opened, would in a short time be taken up, and would no doubt make extensive settlements.

I am not much acquainted with the vacant Crown Land lying between the Cocagne and Buctouche Rivers. All the information I can give you respecting it, I have received from men who have travelled those woods in search of lumber.

There are four sites for Roads to which I would call your attention; (the accompanying plan will elucidate more clearly.)

The 1st. On the south side of the Cocagne River, from S. Cornea's grant to J. Griffin's grant in Irish Town.

2nd. On the northern side of the same River, commencing at the rear of R. M'Lelland's grant, and running a direct course till it meets with the M'Lauchlan Road, at the same distance from the River.

3rd. To commence at the St. Anthony's Settlement, and running parallel to the last mentioned line, so that two ranges of lots may be contained between.

The 4th. On the south side of the Big Buctouche River, commencing at the rear of Thos. Bechard's grant, (Lot 43,) thence till it strikes the M'Lauchlan Road about one mile south of the South Branch. All the above mentioned sites would be the continuations of other Roads already made, and would pass through excellent Land.

With respect to the expenses that would be incurred I have no idea. The Bridges over the small streams would be insignificant, and men's wages at the present would be at a very low rate.

This move that your Honor has now in contemplation, if carried into effect, will give general satisfaction, and as for the pay, should I be called upon to make