

With a view to give time for the consolidation of the embankment and the more perfect construction of the work in all its parts, I would recommend that the first day of July, 1848, should be selected as the time at which the road should be completed and open for business, and that the contracts for various kinds of works and materials delivered, should be limited to such time as will accomplish this object.

As for a portion of each year it will be impracticable to do much work, it will probably require this length of time to complete it in a permanent manner, and I consider the period named a more favorable time for opening the road than in the autumn. Assuming therefore that this division of the road should be completed, at that time, the following provisions should be made:

First. The grading should be placed under contract by the 15th of September next, and vigorously pressed forward with a view to complete it at the earliest practicable period.

Second. The Iron should be ordered sufficiently early to enable the Manufacturers to ship one half the quantity required in time to arrive in Montreal in the month of July next, and one fourth in the month of September, and the remainder in May, 1848.

Third. Two Locomotive Engines should be ordered, one to be completed and delivered on the road by the first of August 1847, and the other in June 1848. Also two passengers cars, three box or covered cars for freight, and six platform cars, the latter to be delivered on the road in the month of July and August 1847, and the passenger and covered freight cars to be delivered in June 1848. As the laying the track of the road will be commenced at the St. Lawrence, the Locomotive and cars will be required for the transportation of iron, timber, ballasting, &c., as the work progresses.

Fourth. The title to all the land required for the road way and stations should be obtained during the present summer and autumn.

On the supposition that this portion of the road will cost £160,000, and that it is to be completed by the time above specified, the quarterly disbursements will be nearly as follows, to wit:

For the first quarter embracing the months of August, September and October, payments for land damages and grading should be made to the amount of.....	£5,900
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The next quarter, November, December and January, will embrace the expenditure for grading and materials delivered, which will amount to about.....	9,325
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