

" no new road be projected or any old road widened or
 " its direction altered, so as in any manner to take in or
 " pass through any cultivated garden or orchard inclosed
 " with stone walls, or with boards, picketing, or hedges ;
 " and that no house, barn, mill, or other building whatso-
 " ever be thrown down or injured, and that no mill-dam or
 " canal belonging to a mill be injured, and the current of
 " any stream of water be changed without the consent of
 " the owners." These restrictions are too general, at
 least with regard to the parishes belonging to the towns.
 I should desire to have them restrained to mills, mill-dams
 or canals belonging to mills, and perhaps even to stone
 houses. I would be for abolishing all the other restrictions,
 and allowing a compensation for the damage done. A
 small garden and a paltry out-house placed, out of spite, by
 a proprietor of land, of the division of St. Marie, at Mon-
 treal, in the continuation of the line proposed as the pro-
 longation of the front-road of this division, and through
 which it is impossible to pass (by reason of this section)
 without submitting (as was done in the case of Mr. D.
 David already mentioned when speaking of the towns) to
 the cupidity of the proprietor, altogether spoil the appear-
 ance of one of the finest avenues to the city, and have
 defeated one of the best conceived designs of my predeces-
 sor in office, Mr. Charland. (1) I have myself experienced
 (and it is the travellers who suffer by it) the same incon-
 venience in the opening a road of communication between
 the divisions *des Neiges* and *St. Catherine*, in 1817, not
 having authority to remove a *barn*. It appears also that
 doubts exist as to the right of passing on or through a lot
 of land (*emplacement*) in the country, for the purpose of
 establishing a road.

(1) This obstruction has since been removed, and the road con-
 tinued straight.