

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

Thursday, 11th Decr., 1823.

FRANCOIS BLANCHET, Esquire, in the Chair.

Joseph Bouchette, Esquire, Surveyor General, called in, and examined:

Jos. Bouchette **A**RE you acquainted with the Townships of Stanfold, Esq. Bullstrode, Blandford and Maddington?—I am.

11 Dec. 1828 Are the soil and situation of these Townships favorable for agricultural settlements?—Yes; in general.

Do the Seigniories adjoining these Townships still contain a number of unconceded Lots of Land sufficient to supply the demand therefor of the younger Farmers who wish to settle themselves on land of their own?—There are still some Lots to be conceded in the Seigniories, but I cannot say how many.

What part of these Townships do the new Settlers appear to prefer, and where, in fact, are the Settlements already begun the most numerous?—They generally prefer the Lots on the River Bécancour.

What is the state of these new Settlements; and can you inform the Committee what is the number of families or persons already settled in these places?—There are many Settlements in Blandford, Maddington and Bullstrode, but I cannot exactly say what progress they have already made.

Is the progress of these Settlements retarded by the want of a Road, and to how many families would the opening of the Road mentioned in the Petition referred to the Committee, [*The Pe-*

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