

part of the Province, it would be settled. A great part of the Timber is the old growth of hardwood, some excellent Spruce Logs, and some parts a little stoney, but I think not discouraging to Agricultural pursuits. The Line of Road necessary to be opened in order to get to Saint John, on a course south, 50° or 55° E. to intersect the Nerepis Road between Grand Bay and Mather's old establishment, which is a distance of about 8 miles; no Bridges of importance except small ones; thence from the Queen's Lake Settlement, north about 5 miles, to the interior of Craftville Settlement; thence northeasterly, until it intersects the Road leading from Nerepis Road to South Branch of Oromocto, near the Patterson Settlement, distance about 4 miles, expense of connection about 20s. per mile, opening and repairing said Line of Road, about 4s. per rod. I am prepared to comply with the terms of the Government in making the connection.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES KERR, *Dep. Sur.*

P. S.—I will take two hundred of Land in payment.

(Signed)

J. K.

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

Deputy SNELL's Report.

Grand Lake, Queen's, 9th December, 1848.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 16th ult., desiring me to furnish you with information on the following heads: 1st. The different Settlements which might be connected by Roads, passing through good Land. 2d. The length of Road necessary for that purpose. 3d. The quality of the Land, and the probable expense of making the connections. 4th. The number and extent of the Bridges which will be necessary, and the probable cost of construction. Further wishing me to state any other good tract of Land which I think, if surveyed, would soon be occupied.

In obedience to your instructions, I would recommend that the Grand Lake and New Canaan be connected by a Road leading from the Upper Settlement of Cumberland Bay to the Forks of Canaan. The length of Road to pass through good land, would be about 16 miles, and the expense of making, about £1,200, there being no Bridges of any consideration on this proposed line.

I would also recommend that the Gaspereaux Settlement and Salmon Creek be connected by a line of Road commencing near the upper Gaspereaux Mills, and crossing the North Branch of Salmon Creek, the distance being about 6 miles, the expense of connecting, including Bridges, would be about £500, and the Land is of a superior quality.

I would recommend that the Gaspereaux and Cain's River be connected by a line crossing the Gaspereaux about 12 miles from the Mouth, which would pass through good Land, forming a convenient and extensive Settlement; I think the distance would be about 20 miles, the cost of connection would not exceed £100 per mile, including the Bridges.

I would particularly recommend that the Salmon River and Richibucto be connected by a line crossing the Big Forks Stream, about 10 miles from the Mouth, thence running a little to the eastward and crossing the Little Forks. From my knowledge of this tract of Land, I am aware that a line might be explored, passing through large tracts of excellent Land; but as this proposed Road has been recently explored by Mr. Beckwith, I consider it unnecessary to make any further remarks.

I would recommend that the front Land on the southeast side of Salmon River to the Mouth of the Little Forks, be surveyed for Settlement, this Land would soon be occupied, and a survey would prevent squatters from improving on Land so irregularly.