

The cost of the road is about \$350 per mile. Several small bridges have been constructed, and a hill of some magnitude cut through.

The soil along the road is clayey and adapted for cultivation, with the exception of two miles at its junction with the St. Agnes Road, where the land is low and swampy.

The timber along the road consists for the most part of cedar, maple, black birch, ash, tamarac, beech, and pine in great abundance.

"I have found," says Mr. Otis, "near the road, about a mile and a half from the river Saguenay, a spring containing a large quantity of iron pyrites.

"The population of Anse St. Jean has increased very considerably during the last few years. Three years ago there were only fifteen families; there are now about 86.

"A chapel and a *presbytère* have been erected, and a priest was stationed there in November last. A municipality was organized there, school-houses built, and a post office opened."

### COUNTY OF SAGUENAY.

*Road from Anse à l'eau to Bergeronnes.*

Conductor—RIEULE BOULLIANE.

Appropriation of 1860	-	-	-	-	-	\$150 00
Do. of 1861	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
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						\$450 00
Amount disbursed	-	-	-	-	-	450 00

This road has been opened as a winter road to a distance of thirteen miles, twelve of which are in the Township of Tadoussac and one in Bergeronnes, where it connects with the road which Mr. Tetu finished this year.

Thirteen bridges, having an aggregate length of 287 feet, have been built at an expense of \$84.

Mr. Boulliane in his Report to this office makes the following statements:—

"The soil of the tract between Anse à l'eau and River Baude, which is four miles in extent, is excellent; the lots have all been taken and many of them have been sowed this year. The good land continues along the St. Marguerite Valley, up the River Baude, and it is my opinion that if the St. Marguerite Road connected with that from Tadoussac to Bergeronnes at its fourth mile, the advantage which would accrue to colonization would be great. From the fourth to the tenth mile, mountains and lakes are met with; in the gulleys white and black birch, cedar, tamarac, and fir are found. From the tenth mile to the River Bergeronnes the road passes over the farms of the settlers on the south-west side of the river, which are of superior quality. This road is of great use to travellers and settlers; it is impossible to travel in carriages by any other route.

"There are two water powers on the River Baude and the little River Bergeronnes.

"The crops in these parts consisted of wheat, rye, and barley. The potatoes were not diseased. The first frosts only occurred at the end of October."

Mr. Boulliane estimates that a sum of \$8000 will be necessary to complete this road.

### COUNTIES OF CHICOUTIMI AND CHARLEVOIX.

*Road from St. Urbain to Grande Baie.*

Conductor—J. OVIDE TREMBLAY.

Balance of the appropriation of 1860	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 52
Appropriation of 1861	-	-	-	-	-	1500 00
Do. in 1860 for the Bridge over the River	-	-	-	-	-	
Malbaie	-	-	-	-	-	1000 00
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Amount disbursed	-	-	-	-	-	2324 00
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Balance remaining	-	-	-	-	-	\$181 52

This road, the principal means of communication between Quebec and the Upper