

with the general plan; but it should be the agent's place to see that a greater number was not forwarded to one locality than to another; and never to forward more at any one time than the local agent could accommodate. The duties of the chief agent at Quebec, would thus be much the same as usual, and would involve hardly any additional expense.

We come now to an important part of our subject—the laying out of new roads, and the manner of their construction; for the prosperity of most countries, and of agricultural ones in particular, will in a great measure depend upon the extent and goodness of their highways. The condition of our roads in Lower Canada is a disgrace to civilization, and a crushing hindrance to our advancement. It would be well if all our public roads were under the supervision of a government commissioner as they are in Prussia, and the municipal road taxes were paid in to the public treasury, for so long as local councils have the management of these funds, private individuals will be the gainers, and our highways will remain as at present.

Now as to our new colonization roads—it would be necessary we suppose to appoint a commissioner to superintend these, except that duty could be performed by some officer al-