

level of the road and the black earth, or six inches below the general surface, the high places to be levelled down and the hollows filled up, so that a Common Horse could travel it in the wettest seasons with a Cart loaded with five Cwt. at least without unloading.

Logging, paving with logs, and draining, where necessary, are of course included, the price to be so much per Arpent, advance of one third on furnishing two good securities and commencing the work, one third when completed, and one third on report of approval by experts : the time at which the work will be ready for delivery to be stated : it might be proper perhaps to divide the whole into numbered lots of thirty arpents, each commencing from the opening of the road, receiving proposals for either of the numbers.

The manner in which the road is to be made to be carefully expressed in the Advertisements, for the price depends upon the manner in which the work is to be done as well as well as the decision of the Experts : unless a legal road is made at once thirty six french feet wide, and the Trees cut down half an arpent on both sides, it is not necessary to make a first cart road in the woods wider or better than above described, twenty, thirty, forty or even sixty feet wide would not prevent it being encumbered with falling Trees, indeed when the Road is wide they are more apt to fall, and the sun getting in, the brush grows up sooner and snow drifts form in winter. If a cart road is made, immediately after it is done, there ought to be a *Procès Verbal* of it by the Grand Voyer, determining the manner and by whom it is to be made and kept up in future.

Q. What do you conceive to be the most advantageous mode of exploring extensive tracts of wild lands, with a view of ascertaining the practicability of forming thereon new settlements ?

A. New settlements can only be successfully formed where there is a certain degree of facility in communicating with the old—the wants of an agricultural population are so extensive, the means and support that they require from external sources before they can derive them from the soil which they occupy, are so considerable, that no successful agricultural settlements have ever been made in America without such facility of communication. The ocean and navigable rivers at first afforded this facility, the settlements made on the sea shore or on the banks of navigable rivers having subsequently furnished the external support to the new settlements in the interior, by means of Roads of communication opened in the rear of successive settlements. These are only practicable as a means of communication to a certain distance and where natural circumstances are favorable.—For the purpose of forming agricultural settlements it is not necessary then to explore a country to any great distance