

the bridge, being finished ; and the principal masonry, including very important and expensive stone culverts in the different ravines, occurring at the base of the Rouville Mountain, in gaining the table land from the river, being completed.

The causeway across the valley of the Huron river, is in course of construction, and will be completed, or nearly so, during the winter ; in fact, the principal and most expensive part of the work on the second division is finished. There are five miles on the easterly side of the Richelieu river, graded, out of fourteen—the length of the second division.

The timber for the superstructure of this division is contracted for by responsible persons deliverable in August next ; and the fencing of the road, including gates, from the St. Lawrence to St. Hyacinthe, is also under contract, to be completed at the same period, on very advantageous terms to the Company.

The Directors have made these arrangements, with the view of being enabled to place this division also in operation in December next, or January of 1849, should the finances of the Company permit; and that it be deemed advisable to import the necessary iron (1600 tons) during the approaching summer.

It was expected that the bridge over the Richelieu river would have been completed during the past season, but the high water last spring prevented an early commencement of the work, and a difficulty in obtaining labourers during the summer, still further retarded the operations of the Contractor.

The foundation of the abutments, and of all the piers with the exception of two, are laid, and the masonry raised ten feet above low water ; nearly all the stone necessary for completing the masonry is on the spot and dressed, with a large proportion of the timber and iron for the superstructure ; and no doubt is entertained that this most important work will be completed in time for opening the road in August next.

The surveys for the prolongation of the road were commenced in May last at St. Hyacinthe, by one party under the command of W. H. Vining, Esquire, a gentleman of much experience, and have continued during the season to the 1st of December last. The results of the survey have been very satisfactory, clearly demonstrating that no impracticable obstacle opposes the junction of the