

NEW BRUNSWICK.

taken out by the roots, and the ground levelled the first year, at, I think, something less than 1 s. 3 d. per rod; the second year he had it formed and turnpiked for about the same money; it is generally considered the best and most economical plan not to work or turnpike till the second year, as the soil works easier, the smaller roots decaying, &c. &c. I have also inquired of some experienced road-makers, who tell me they have no doubt but the road on this line would be done at 2 s. 6 d. per rod; it is generally not heavy timbered; but say 3 s. 6 d. per rod, including bridging (but not the one on the North Forks), will be 56 l. per mile; so 25 miles will be 1,400 l.; but call it 1,500 l., to include the bridge at the Forks; then, taking this outside estimate, it will not take half of the ungranted land on this line to pay for the making and bridging of this road, allowing eight lots to one mile, of 100 acres each, 80 rods front; so, 25 miles will give 200 lots, at 15 l. per lot (the present upset price), will give 3,000 l., more than double the amount that would be required for making and bridging the road. As for the question in a general way, whether the land will pay for the making of the roads, I think, admits of no doubt. There are two instances of it paying the Government well in this county; I mean the Nerepis Road, great road between Fredericton and St. John, for one; how quick were settlements made after this road got into operation? which neither could nor would have been the case if no such roads had not first been made. The other instance is more recent, viz. the road on the county line between this county and Sunbury, extending from the River St. John to the Nerepis Great Road, through the Victoria Settlement. I think I am very safe in saying there would not have been 100 acres taken up, at least in this county, if that road had not been previously made; now there are several settlers there who have bought and paid the whole amount for their land, and applications monthly for more in each county; for instance, this present month there are 600 acres in this county, and 500 in Sunbury, advertised for sale next month; the applicants in both counties being respectable farmers' sons, the most of whom will pay the whole amount down. Not having the proper documents to refer to, I cannot say for a certainty, but I am sure there must already have been more money paid for land in this settlement already than has been expended on making the road.

You also wish me to point out any other tract of good land, if surveyed, that would soon be occupied. I have no doubt, if a connecting line was extended from the settlement on the Gagetown Road to the Sunbury County Line Road, 50 chains S.W. of the Spry Grant, so as to admit lots on each side of the road; also the vacant land between this Spry Grant and the aforesaid County Line Road, I know there is some good land which would be immediately taken up, the lines of the Spry not being known, applicants do not like to apply for it upon an uncertainty.

As I expect to be at the office in a week or two, I shall be happy to give you personally more particulars, and explain myself more plainly than I can by writing.

With the greatest respect, &c.

(signed) *John Colling,*
Deputy-surveyor.

The Honourable Thos. Baillie, Surveyor-general,
Fredericton.

Deputy Kerr's Report.

Sir,

Fredericton, 10 December 1848.

In compliance with a circular received from you of the 16th November 1848, I beg leave to state, that I and several individuals have explored the Queen's Lake Settlement, in the parish Pennfield, Charlotte County, and I am of opinion that if there was encouragement in opening out a road through this part of the province, it would be settled. A great part of the timber is the old growth of hard wood, 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 St. 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 eight miles; no bridges of importance except small ones; thence from the Queen's Lake Settlement, north about five miles, to the interior of Craftville Settlement; thence north-easterly, until it intersects the road leading from Nerepis Road to South Branch of Oro-mocto, near the Patterson Settlement, distance about four miles, expense of connexion about 20 s. per mile, opening and repairing said line of road, about 4 s. per rod. I am prepared to comply with the terms of the Government in making the connexion.

I have, &c.

(signed) *James Kerr,*
Deputy-surveyor.

P.S.—I will take 200 of land in payment.

(signed) *J. K.*

Honourable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor-general,
&c. &c. &c.

Deputy