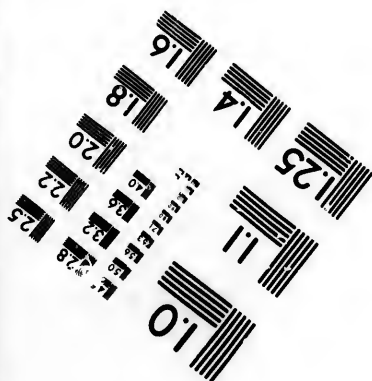
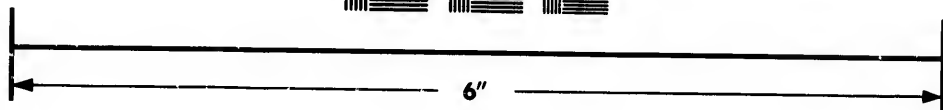
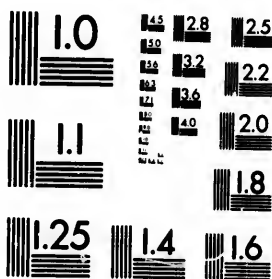


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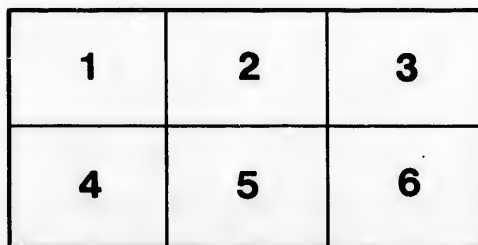
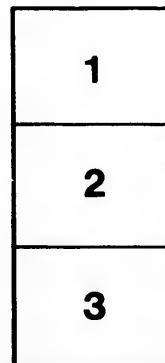
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ALL the King's Highways and public Bridges are to be made, repaired and kept up under the directions of the Grand-Voyer of each District, or his Deputy, appointed by an instrument in writing, notified in the Quebec Gazette.—*Sec. 1.*

All Highways &c. to be made and repaired under the direction of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy.

Every Parish, Seigneurie or Township is to be divided by the Grand-Voyer into as many Divisions, not exceeding nine, as he shall judge proper and necessary, and to each of these Divisions he is to allot an Overseer of Highways and Bridges, (Sous-Voyers) who shall be chosen and elected by the Householders in every such Parish, Seigneurie or Township on a Sunday or Holiday, between the first of September and the fifteenth of October in every second year, at the public Room of the Parsonage House, or if there be no Parsonage House at some other public Place, to be appointed by the Senior Officer of Militia, who is to publish the time and Place of holding the Election, at the door of the Church, or if there be no Church, at the most public Place as soon as he shall receive the Order of the Grand-Voyer for that purpose, which is to be issued in the month of August.—*Sec. 25.*

The Grand Voyer to divide every Parish into divisions and to allot an Overseer to each.

Overseers how elected.

Senior Officers of Militia to preside at the election of Overseers and to make return.

The Senior Officer of Militia is to preside at the Election and is to declare to the Persons assembled the names of the Overseers chosen, and he is to make a return of the names of the Overseers to the Grand-Voyer, and if the Senior Officer of Militia refuses or neglects to call the Meeting for the Election or to preside therein, or to make his Return to the Grand-Voyer, he forfeits the Sum of five Pounds.—*Sec. 25.*

The Overseers duty.

The Overseer is to direct the Persons within his Division in the performance of the work and duty required by the Act and to prosecute every one who neglects or refuses to perform what the Act requires. He is to enter upon the Duties of his Office on the first day of January and to serve for two years.—*Sec. 25.*

Overseer chosen declining to serve forfeits £5; and accepting the charge, and neglecting his duty to forfeit 20s.

Any Person chosen to be Overseer, who neglects for eight days after his appointment, to signify his consent to serve, forfeits five Pounds, and if he consents to accept the Office and refuses or neglects to obey the lawful Orders of the Grand-Voyer or his Deputy, or to oversee or perform any of the duties required by the Act, he forfeits, for every neglect or refusal, twenty shillings.—*Sec. 25.*

The Grand Voyer to nominate Surveyors in each Parish. Surveyors duty.

The Grand-Voyer is to nominate and appoint in each Parish, Seigneurie or Township of his District, a Surveyor of Highways and Bridges, who is to enter upon his Office at the periods directed for Overseers, and to serve for two years, during which period he is to superintend and direct the Overseers in their duty, to prosecute every Overseer who shall refuse or neglect his duty—to communicate to them the Grand-Voyer's Orders and to forward such Orders, if required, to the Surveyor of the next Parish. He is also to report, in writing or verbally, to the Grand-Voyer, once in every six months and at the time of his Circuit, the state of the Roads and Bridges within his Parish, &c.—*Sec. 26.*

Surveyors who decline the office forfeit £5. Accepting and neglecting their duty forfeit 20s.

Surveyors, who, when appointed, do not accept the office, forfeit four pounds, if they do accept, they forfeit twenty shillings, for every refusal or neglect of duty.—*Sec. 26.*

Grand Voyer in cases of vacancy to nominate Overseers

In all cases of vacancy, the Grand Voyer or his Deputy may name other fit and proper persons to be Overseers and Surveyors, who are to serve until the period for nominating

the Election new Overseers and Surveyors returns; but no Person, who names of the has once served, can be rechosen to serve as an Overseer, or of the names Surveyor, within eight years from the first nomination and the Senior Offi- service, unless with his consent.—*Sec. 26 and 27.*

Meeting for the Clergymen, Captains of Militia, licensed School-masters, one return to the Miller to each Mill and Persons upwards of sixty years of age, are exempted from the offices of Overseers and Surveyors.—*Sec. 25.*

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No person who has once served to be appointed Overseer or Surveyor within eight years.

Persons exempted from those offices.

Officers of Militia to do the duty of Overseers till January, 1797.

The Grand Voyer to make an annual circuit.

His duty upon his Circuit.

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Grand Voyers to have offices in Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers.

Grand Voyer for a wilful neglect or default of duty to forfeit a sum not less than £5 nor more than £20.

Dimensions of the Kings highways.

thirty feet wide, to be widened by the Persons bound to repair them.—*Sec. 2.*

Dimensions of Bye Roads.

Bye Roads (Routes) are to be twenty feet wide between two Ditches, each three feet wide, and of sufficient depth to drain off the water and to be made as far as practicable, on the line of division between two Concession or two Proprietors.—*Sec. 4.*

Dimensions of Roads leading to banal Mills.

Every Road leading to a Banal Mill is not to be less than eighteen, nor more than thirty feet wide between two Ditches each of three feet, where necessary.—*Sec. 10.*

Highways passing through woods how to be made.

On each side of all the King's Highways passing through any wood, Trees and Underwood shall be cut down for the space of twenty five feet on each side, by those who are obliged to keep the road in repair, if the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall judge it necessary. The Grand Voyer may lay aside for the use of the Roads, any of the Wood so cut down, and the residue, the proprietors may remove within a year, and if they do not remove it, the Persons obliged to keep the Road in repair, shall take it away.—*Sec. 11.*

Ditches dividing farms and rivulets crossing the Highways to be covered with Bridges.

Ditches dividing farms or concessions, and little rivulets crossing the Highways are to be covered with Bridges of Logs of eighteen feet long and be covered with earth, where they are not above four feet wide, if the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall direct. Public Bridges made by joint Labourers Corvees, are likewise to be eighteen feet wide. The Sleepers must be of Oak, Cedar, Pine, Hemlock or red Spruce, as the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall direct. The flooring of squared logs of the same wood, pinned down to the Sleepers with a batten and a rail of three feet high, solidly made of square Timber on each side. And all Bridges subject to be raised by the waters, must be loaded with Stones, which are to be carried and placed by those, who are bound to build and repair them.—*Sec. 16.*

Where Ditches are necessary for draining low and marshy Lands, through which the Highways pass the Grand Voyer may direct them to be made.

Wherever Ditches may be necessary for draining low and marshy Lands, through which the King's Highways unavoidably pass, the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, after examination is to direct such Persons of the Parish or adjacent Parishes whom he shall deem the most interested therein of which he shall draw up his Procès Verbal.—*Sec. 12.*

Where it shall be necessary to turn an old, or open a new Highway or Bye road, to change an old Bridge or mark out a new one, the Grand Voyer or his Deputy upon Petition is to give an order fixing a day and hour when he or his Deputy will attend at some House or Place in the Parish, Seigneurie or Township, where he is to act, and such order shall require every one interested, to be personally present, to forward or oppose the making of the proposed Highway, Road or Bridge, and of the time and place so fixed, the Surveyor or one of the Overseers, is to give public notice on a preceding Sunday or Holyday, after morning service, at the Church door, if there is a Church in the Parish, if not, at the door of the nearest Church in the vicinity, and if there be not a Church in the vicinity, then at the most frequented and reputed public place of the Parish, Seigneurie or Township, two days at least before the meeting of those interested; and upon the Surveyors or Overseers Certificate of such Publication, the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, after hearing the persons interested, is to fix the time for visiting the places, in order that the parties interested may attend, if they wish it, and he is to draw up a proces verbal, by which he shall grant or reject the whole or part of the petition.—Sec. 9.

**New Roads,
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how to be made.**

All necessary Highways and Roads to be made in future upon cleared lands, except front Roads, are not to be opened made, until the value of the ground, marked out for such or Highway or Road by the Grand Voyers or his Deputy, shall have been paid or tendered to the Proprietor, if he requires it, which value is to be ascertained by a majority of seven appraisers, three named by the Surveyor of the Parish, three by the Proprietor and the seventh by the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, and if the Proprietor and Surveyor do not name them, all the seven appraisers are to be named by the Grand Voyer.—Sec. 5.

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The price of improved Lands, required for a private Road, is to be paid by the Individual who applies for it, but where it is required for a public Highway by the Proprietors of the Parish, Seigneurie or Township; and the appraised value is to be apportioned and divided by the Overseers or a Majority of them among the Proprietors, to whom the Road shall be considered most useful in the Proces Verbal thereof, drawn up by the Grand Voyer, and such value is to be paid into the

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No Highways to be made to pass through Kitchen Gardens, &c.

Without the consent of the Proprietor.

Highways through wood lands to be opened by the persons most benefited there by.

Banal Roads by whom to be made.

Highways how to be repaired.

Highways passing through wood lands by whom to be repaired.

hands of the Surveyor, and if any one shall refuse to pay his proportion agreeable to the apportionment, made by the Overseer, the Surveyor is to prosecute at Law, the person refusing his proportion.—*Sec. 6.*

No Highway or Road can be opened, turned or widened in such a manner as to pass through any Kitchen Garden or Orchard, enclosed with a wall, board or standing picket Fence or Hedge, to demolish or injure any House, Barn, Mill or other Building or any Canal or Mill Dam, or turn the Course of the water without the consent of Proprietor.—*Sec. 14.*

Highways to be made through woods lands, not yet granted by the Crown, or not conceded by the Seigneur, or through Lands conceded; but deserted, are to be opened by the persons more particularly benefited thereby, in proportion to their lands or concessions, to which the Seigneurs or original Grantees of the Crown, shall contribute in proportion to the private Domains by them reserved, provided the Highways are of any Utility to such Domains.—*Sec. 7.*

The opening and making of Banal-Roads, with the ditches and necessary fences, is in the first instance to be performed, one half by the proprietor of the Mill and the other half by the Inhabitants, subject to the Banality of the Mill.—*Sec. 10.*

All Proprietors and Farmers occupying lands, adjoining the King's Highways commonly called front Roads, are upon the breadth of their lands respectively to keep in good repair the Highways and Ditches. But where the repairs of any Highway, are to be borne by several Proprietors facing each other, every Proprietor or Farmer shall repair the whole width of that part of the Highway which shall be allotted to him by the Majority of three Overseers not interested therein, who shall draw up a record thereof and deliver a copy of it, if required, to each of the parties interested; but no Farmer or Proprietor, whose land is not more than thirty arpents in depth, is obliged to repair at his own expense more than one Highway upon the breadth of his farm—*Sec. 3.*

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Sec. 7 and 8.

All Bye Roads and the Ditches and half of the fences, when they are on a line of separation between two Concessions or two proprietors and when they deviate from such line, the Ditches and Fences on both sides are to be kept in good repair by those who are or may be bound to repair them, agreeable to the proces verbal of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy relative thereto; but the proprietors who have furnished ground for making such Bye Roads, and the majority of the persons bound to repair them, may agree among themselves respecting the repairs, and their agreement shall be binding on all the parties interested; provided it is reduced to writing before the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, or the Surveyor and two Overseers of the Parish.—*Sec. 4.*

Banal Roads (while they continue such) with the Ditches and necessary Fences, are to be divided by proces verbal, by the Grand Voyer or his Deputy into fourteen parts, of which the nearest to the Mill is to be repaired by the Proprietor of the Mill, and the remaining thirteen parts are to be kept in repair, by the Inhabitants subject to the Banality of the Mill.—
Sec. 10.

All Bridges over Ditches or Streams of water, as well as all other Bridges and Hills situate in the Highways, commonly

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called front Roads, and not declared by the proces verbaux of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, to be such Hills and Bridges as ought to be kept in repair at the public expence, are to be repaired by those before whose land they lie.—*Sec. 3.*

Public bridges how to be repaired.

All public Bridges already built, or to be built as well as public Hills kept up by joint labour or Corvees, are to be repaired by the Inhabitants mentioned in the proces verbal of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, and in case of disputes among them, the Grand Voyer or his Deputy is to decide by whom the work ought to be done.—*Sec. 16.*

Ditches crossing the Highways by whom to be cleansed.

Ditches dividing farms or Concessions and little Rivulets crossing the King's Highways, are to be cleansed by those, who are obliged to keep the Highways in repair, opposite to the outlets of such Ditches and Rivulets. Water courses, Gullies and Rivulets, over which public Bridges are made, are to be cleansed by those, who are obliged to make such Bridges, and are named in the proces verbal of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy.—*Sec. 16.*

When Persons bound to repair the Highways or Bridges, refuse to make the repairs, the Grand Voyer may cause them to be made at their expence.

Whenever a Grand Voyer or his Deputy or any Surveyor or overseer, shall find any part of the public Highways or Bridges in want of repair, twenty-four hours after notice to the person obliged to repair, given to him verbally or publicly made on a Sunday after morning service, at the Church door or at most public place of the Parish, if there is no Church, he may employ Labourers and Carriages, and repair the Highway or Bridge at the expence of the person bound to repair it, which expence such person is obliged to pay, together with the fine imposed by the Act, on Persons neglecting to make their Repairs; and if any accident or Damage happen at any time from the want of Repairs in the Highways or Bridges, the Person to whom such accident or damage shall happen, may recover the amount thereof, from the Person who ought to have made such Repairs, by Action at Law in any of the Courts of King's Bench.—*Sec. 31.*

An action will lie against the Defaulters, in cases of accidents or damage happening to travellers for want of repairs in the Highways.

Regulations respecting Highways near Precipices and on steep Hills.

The Grand Voyer or his Deputy may direct Highways passing near precipices, to be removed to such distances as he may think proper. Highways on steep Hills are to be made easy of descent, and protected by solid rails, where he shall

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In all cases where the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall not be required to distribute the work to be done on public Highways and Bridges, such Distribution is to be made and assigned by a Majority of the Overseers of the Parish, to the Occupiers and Proprietors of Lands, specified in the proces verbal of the Grand Voyer or his Deputy, and when it shall be necessary to pay artificers for making, or conducting the work to be done on any public Bridge, or to purchase materials, the apportionment of the sum wanted, is to be made by a majority of such Overseers, and levied at the suit of the Surveyor, on those obliged to work at such Bridge by the proces verbal of the Grand Voyer; and such Persons, until such apportionments are made, are obliged to assist in the work required in rotation, if ordered so to do by the Overseers or Surveyors.—Sec. 19.

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And that if any Bull, Ox, Cow, Steer, Heifer, Horse, Goat or Hog shall be found straying in any Highway inclosed on both sides, any Peace Officer, surveyor or Overseer may seize them or cause them to be seized, and may detain them, until the Owner thereof shall pay to him for each animal so detained, the sum of two shillings and six pence, and over and above that sum, one shilling a day, for every day such animal shall have been detained in his Custody. Sec. 36.

Bull, Ox, &c. found straying in the Highway, may be seized.

The Peace Officer, Overseer or Surveyor is to advertise the animal, which he may seize, at the Church door of the Parish, for three Sundays next after the Seizure, in the morning, after

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divine Service, unless the animal is sooner claimed; and if upon the third Sunday, no person shall appear to claim it, the peace Officer, Overseer or Surveyor is to sell the animal or cause it to be sold, on the next Sunday, at the Church door immediately after Divine Service in the morning, and after deducting the fine and expences, allowed him by the 36th Section, from the price paid for such animal, he is to pay the remainder to the Road Treasurer, if the animal was seized in either of the Parishes of Quebec or Montreal, but if in any other Parish, to the Grand Voyer of the District. But if the Owner appears within a year, after any animal so seized shall have been sold, and proves his property before a Justice of the peace, the Grand Voyer or Road Treasurer, as the case may be, upon the order of the Justice, is to repay to him the sum by him received for such animal.—Sec. 37.

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ter Roads.

The public Roads in winter, are to be fixed annually between the first day of October and the fifteenth day of November, by the Overseers in the respective Parishes, at a Meeting to be held by them for that purpose, of which Meeting they are to give public notice, on a preceding Sunday or Holyday after morning service, at the Church door, or at the most public part of the Parish, if there is no Church; that the Persons interested may attend, and after hearing such Persons, if they attend and require to be heard, the Overseers or a Majority of them, are to mark out the places, where the winter Roads shall pass, and to order the Fences to be taken down, where it may be necessary, and give such orders for keeping up and repairing such winter Roads, as they may think proper; which orders, every inhabitant bound to such repairs, must obey; although, if he thinks himself aggrieved, he may appeal to the Grand Voyer, who is to decide finally; but the Overseers are not to take down more than ten feet of any fence, nor to cause any winter Road to pass through any Garden, Orchard or Field, fenced with a quick hedge, without the consent of the Proprietor.—Sec. 22.

Winter Road^s
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The Winter
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All persons bound to repair the King's Highways, or banal Roads, upon the first fall of snow, are to fix poles or branches of spruce, cedar or hemlock of eight feet long, on each side of the public Winter Roads, not at greater distance than, thirty-six feet one from the other; and when they fall or are pulled up, they are to replace them, without delay, and they

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are also bound to open and beat the Roads of a width sufficient for one Carriage, and to level the Cahots and Pentes, as soon as they are formed.—Sec. 23.

The Overseers are to point out the customary Roads upon the ice, crossing the Saint Lawrence, or other rivers, which are to be marked by Poles or Branches, made and kept in repair according to ancient custom—All Roads on the ice, in the front of farms, are to be marked out by Poles, made and kept in repair by those who are obliged to make the land Roads, but the inhabitants of a Parish, who find themselves oppressed by the work directed to be done as abovesaid, may require the Grand Voyer to make a distribution thereof, either by Parish or district, of which he is to make a proces verbal.—Sec. 24.

Winter Roads on Rivers, how to be made and marked out.

The passes of fordable Rivers, intersecting the King's Highways or Roads upon the Beach, as early in the spring as the waters will permit, are to be cleansed and marked out, in a clear manner, with poles and branches, by those who are obliged to mark out the winter Roads, over such passes, and the poles or branches are to be well secured in cross pieces of timber, loaded with stones.—Sec. 18.

Passes of fordable Rivers to be cleansed and marked out with Poles.

No Encroachment, annoyance or nuisance shall be made or left by any person in the Highways or banal Roads, under a Penalty of five shillings on each offender, who shall be obliged to remove immediately, at his own expence such Encroachment, annoyance or nuisance.—Sec. 21.

Penalty on persons making Encroachments or leaving Nuisances on the Highways or banal Roads.

The justices in their general quater Sessions of the peace, are impowered to hear and determine all matters relatively to Proces Verbaux, in their respective districts, and the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall deposit with the Surveyor of the Parish, Seigneurie or Township, all Proces Verbaux, drawn up in consequence of any requisition made under the Act, to be read and published on a Sunday or Holyday, at the Parish Church door, after the morning service, and where no service is performed, then at the most public and frequented place in the Parish, Seigneurie or Township, of which publication, he shall draw up a certificate, at the bottom of the proces verbal to which he shall sign his name, or if he cannot write, shall affix his mark before two witnesses and the Proces Verbal

Justices in their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to hear and determine all matters relating to Proces Verbaux.

Grand Voyer to deposit Proces Verbaux with the Surveyors of Parish &c.

The Grand Voyer is to prosecute the ratification of his Proces Verbaux.

shall remain eight days at the Surveyor's house, for the information of the persons interested therein, and shall be afterwards registered in the Grand Voyer's Office, with the certificate annexed to it, and the Grand Voyer or his Deputy shall make mention in the Proces Verbal, of the day that he will prosecute the ratification, in the court of general quarter sessions of the peace, and shall deposit the Proces Verbal in the Clerk's office of the said court, eight days at least before the day fixed for its ratification, in order that the persons interested may obtain a copy, and prepare their means of opposition, if any they have; and after the day so fixed for the ratification, no opposition shall be received, and the said court shall then, or any other day it may rule, hear the Grand Voyer, or his Deputy and the opposers or those interested, if any appear, and shall do justice as well in the ratification or rejection of the Proces Verbaux, in the whole or in part, and the judgement shall be given to the Grand Voyer, by the Clerk of such court, within eight days following, to be annexed to the register of Proces Verbaux, in the office of the said Grand Voyer, and afterwards a copy thereof to be delivered by him or his Deputy, to the aforesaid Surveyor, to be put in execution.—*Sec. 20.*

All Proces Verbaux, &c. to be delivered to the Grand Voyers.

And Duplicates of their receipts to be transmitted to the Secretary's office.

All public Officers, or other persons having in their possession, any original Proces Verbaux, Registers or Minutes, (either ancient or modern) concerning the Highways, are forthwith to deliver them into the hands of the Grand Voyer of their respective districts, taking receipts for the same, specifying the original Proces Verbaux Minutes and registers so delivered up. And Duplicates of all such receipts, are to be transmitted by the Grand Voyer or their Deputies respectively, into the Office of the Secretary of the Province.—*Sec. 33.*

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Abstract was made by me, in obedience to the 77th. Section of Provincial Statute, 36. Geo. III, c. 9.

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