

Mail Transportation in Quebec, 1763-1851
Postal Routes and Mail Contracts
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Le transport du courrier au Québec, 1763-1851

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1. Définition de :

1. Route postale

Une route postale au trajet défini par le responsable de la poste afin de parcourir la distance séparant le point de départ d'un bureau de poste au point d'arrivée d'un autre bureau de poste. Ce trajet peut comprendre plusieurs bureaux sur cette route.

Exemple: La route postale Québec-Montréal identifie le trajet de Québec à Montréal et aller-retour en utilisant l'ancien Chemin du Roi

Route de traverse: Une route qui se joint à un bureau situé sur la route postale principale

2. Contrats de malle

Un contrat de malle représente un contrat officiel entre l'administration postale et un particulier ou une compagnie afin de transporter le courrier sur une route postale distincte. Le contrat spécifie le moyen de transport (à pied, à cheval, en charrette, en diligence, etc.), la durée du trajet ainsi que le temps requis, la distance totale et celle entre chaque bureau, les pénalités, etc.

Un contrat est obligatoirement endossé par deux cautionneurs, c'est-à-dire des personnes qui s'engagent à se substituer au débiteur en cas de défaillance.

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2. Introduction à la poste coloniale et mise en contexte

1. Administrateurs de la poste au Canada
2. Nombre de bureaux de poste établis pendant la période

Hugh FINLAY, 1763-1799

- Ouverture de 5 bureaux de poste

George HERIOT, 1799 - 1816

- Ouverture de 9 bureaux de poste

Daniel SUTHERLAND, 1816-1827

- Ouverture de 51 bureaux de poste

Thomas Allen STAYNER, 1828-1851

- Ouverture de 191 bureaux de poste

De juin 1763 au 5 avril 1851: un total de 256 bureaux

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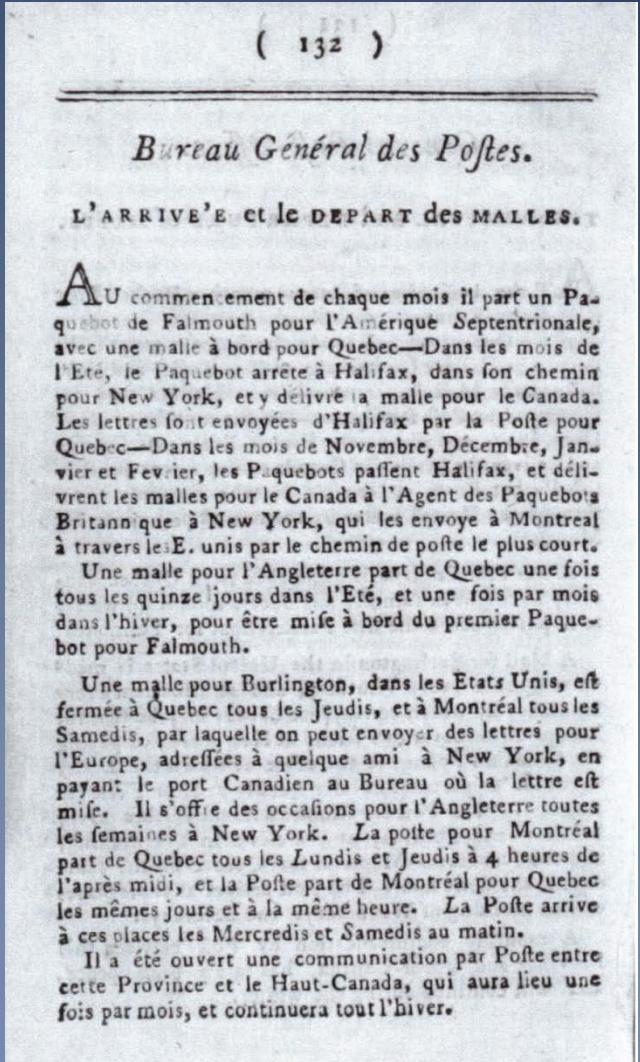
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3. Routes postales

- 1780 à 1812
- Québec à Montréal
- Angleterre
- États-Unis

Quebec Almanac, 1780-1812

Quebec Almanac, 1801



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Routes postales

➤ 1829

*Table of Post Towns in the British
Provinces in North America on the main
Post Routes : to which Letter may be
conveyed by the Post, with the
distances & the rates of postage for a
single letter in Halifax currency.*

➤ Halifax à Fort Érié

Total de 10 routes postales

Post Towns		Table of Post Towns in the British Provinces in NORTH AMERICA. ON THE MAIL POST ROUTE.	
Quebec Table B.N.7.		(to which Letters may be converted by the Post with the Postage of the Table of Posts for a Single Letter in HALIFAX CURRENCY, Constructed by F.A. Steiner Eng. in Post. Master General in 1829)	
Cap-Santé		A	
Port Neuf		The Postage to Hamilton & Amherst must be the same as in all Offices east of the latter place on the York side of Lake Ontario; but upon the Niagara side of the Lake and with all Offices west of Lancaster Hamilton is to be considered as 7 miles off Amherst and the Postage col- lected accordingly.	
St. Anne			
Three Rivers Table B.N.7.			
Brievre du Loup			
Barbier and William Henry			
L'Assomption			
Montreal Tables B.N.7.4.5.6.7.8.			
La Chine Table B.N.7.			
Gatineau du Lac			
Lancaster			
Cornwall Table B.N.7.			
Ozark			
Williamsburg			
Matilda			
Prescott To Ogdensburg U.S.			
Maitland			
Brockville Table B.N.7.			
Granamique			
Kingston To U.Sates			
Bath B.N.7.2.			
Napanee			
Belleville A Bye Post to Marmora 30 miles			
Eiver Trent			
Murray			
Galt			
Galtton (late Granville)			
Galtton			
Port Hope			
Dartington			
Whitby			
Fiddering			
York Table B.N.7.			
Toronto A Bye Post to Streetville 6 miles			
Dundas Table B.N.7.			
Ancaster Table B.N.7.4.			
Stony Creek			
Grimby			
St. Catharines And Dundas 4 miles			
Niagara To U.Sates			
Quarantine			
Chippawa			
Fort Erie			

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Routes postales 1829 (suite)

[pour le Québec seulement]

- B-1 Route below Québec including Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
- B-2 To the Eastern Townships & U^D. States via Three Rivers
- B-3 To the Eastern Townships & U^D. States via Montréal
- B-4 Ottawa route (via) Montréal
- B-6 To Terrebonne via Montréal
- B-7 To Swanton &c. United States from Montréal
- B-8 To Saint Ours via Boucherville &c.&c.
- B-9 From William Henry up the River Richelieu
- B-10 To La Chine across the River St. Lawrence

N° 7.

Halifax		To SWANTON &c. UNITED STATES from MONTRÉAL	
2.1	0.9	180	Montreal
8.80			
2.1	0.9	a.45	Laprairie
8.89	189		
2.3	0.11	a.45	S ^t .Johns
9.07	207	18	A post to Isle aux Noix 13 miles twice a Week-See N° 9
2.3	0.11	a.45	Henryville
9.20	220	10	A bye post to Freighsburgh 12 miles
2.3	0.11	a.45	Phillipsburg Chen to Dunham 6 miles
9.30	230	50	23 10
2.3	0.11	a.45	Swanton United States
9.37	237	57	48 30 27 7

During the summer the Mails for New York go by Steam Boats from S^t.Johns & are made up at Montreal 3 times P^r. Week

N° 9.

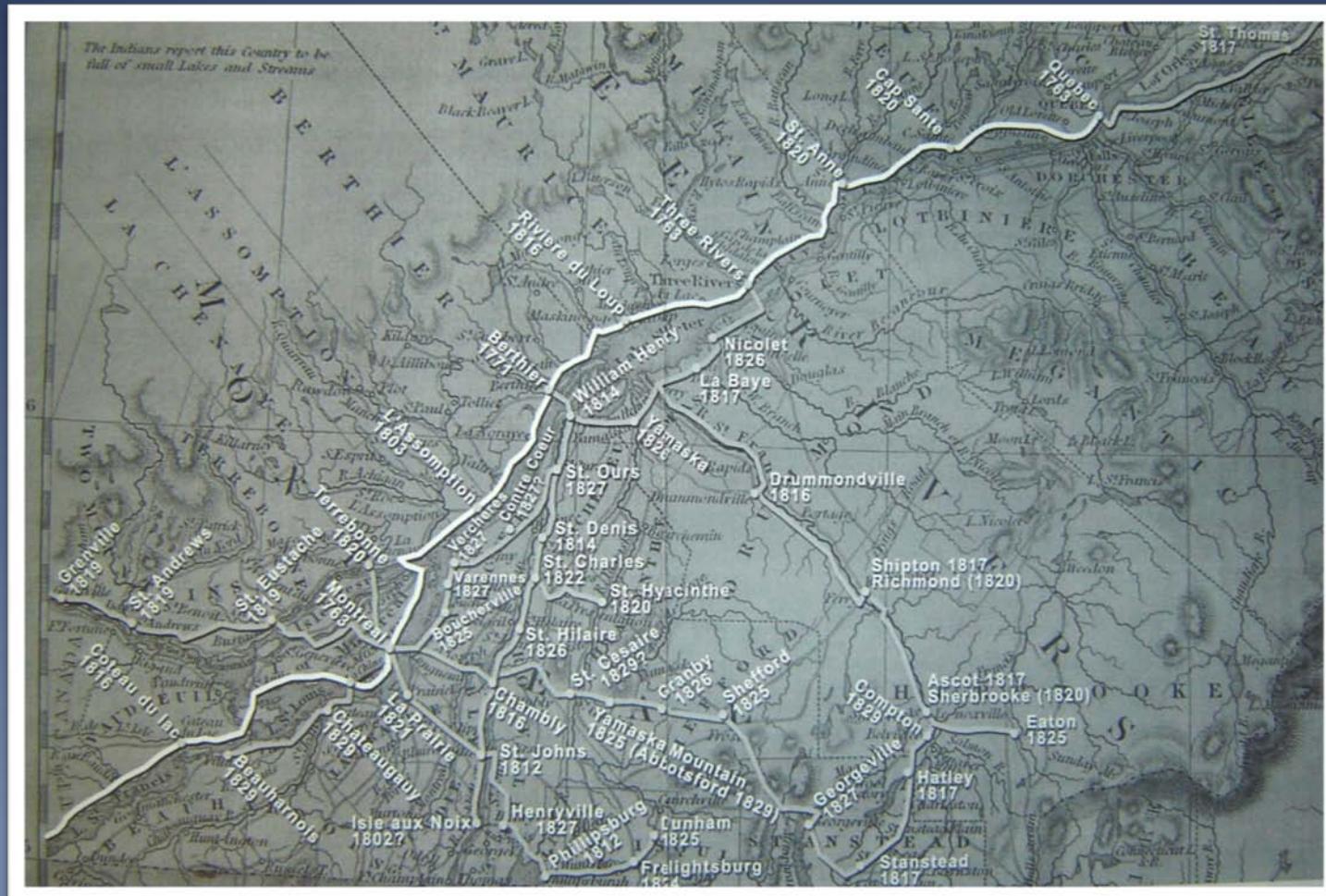
Halifax		From WILLIAM HENRY up the RIVER RICHELIEU	
2.1	0.9	Berthier	To William Henry
8.35	125		A post to Yamaska 12 miles
2.1	0.9	a.45	S ^t .Ours
8.50	140		To Contre Cœur &c-See N° 5
2.1	0.9	a.45	S ^t .Denis
8.55	145		
2.1	0.9	a.45	S ^t .Charles
8.65	155		A post to S ^t .Hyacinthe 14 miles
2.1	0.9	a.45	S ^t .Hilaire
8.72	172		
2.1	0.9	a.45	Chambley United with a line from Montreal-See N° 3
8.86	186		
2.1	0.9	a.45	S ^t .Johns D° D° N° 7
8.98	198		
2.1	0.9	a.45	Isle aux Noix
9.11	211		

Letters for these places from Quebec & Halifax, must be sent via Montreal - Véde N° 3 and 7

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Carte des routes postales de 1829 au Québec, préparée par Michael Rixon

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Routes postales

1840 - Commission d'enquête sur la poste

- A Tableau des villes de poste dans les provinces anglaises de l'Amérique du Nord, sur la grande route postale, auxquelles les lettres peuvent être transportées par la poste, avec les distances et les taux de port pour une lettre simple, argent courant d'Halifax [Halifax à Fort Érié]
- B-1 De Québec au Nouveau-Brunswick et la Nouvelle-Écosse
- B-2 De la Rivière-du-Loup-en-Bas, à Métis, Rive-Sud, en bas de Québec
- B-3 De Métis par le chemin Kempt, à la Baie des Chaleurs et le District de Gaspé
- B-4 De Québec à Murray Bay, Rive-Nord, en bas de Québec
- B-5 De Québec à Nicolet, Rive-Sud, au-dessus de Québec
- B-6 De Québec à New Ireland, comté de Mégantic
- B-7 De Québec à Hilton, état du Maine, par le chemin Kennebec
- B-8 Aux Townships de l'Est et les États-Unis, via Trois-Rivières
- B-9 De Berthier à Daillebout et Industry
- B-10 De Berthier et Sorel (William Henry), en montant la rivière Richelieu
- B-11 Jusqu'à L'Assomption, St-Roch-l'Achigan et Rawdon
- B-12 De Montréal à St-Ours via Boucherville
- B-13 De Montréal, via Chambly et Waterloo, à Sherbrooke
- B-14 De Waterloo à Stanstead
- B-15 À St. Johns et les États-Unis, etc., depuis Montréal
- B-16 De Philipsburg à Frelingsburg et Bedford
- B-17 De St. Johns à Dunham et Stanstead
- B-18 De La Prairie à Champlain (État de New York)
- B-19 De La Prairie à Manningville et Huntingdon
- B-20 De La Prairie à Hemmingford
- B-21 De Montréal à Terrebonne et New Glasgow
- B-22 De Montréal à Châteauguay, Huntingdon, Dundee et Fort Covington (État de New York)
- B-23 De Montréal, en montant la rivière des Outaouais, jusqu'à Grenville, Bytown, etc., etc.
- B-24 De Lachine à Chatham, via Vaudreuil

Total de 24 routes postales

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Routes postales - 1840 (suite)

1.

De Québec au Nouveau-Brunswick et la Nouvelle-Ecosse.

QUEBEC.

34	St. Thomas.
48	14 L'Islet.
56	22 8 St. Jean Port Joli.
64	30 16 8 St. Roch des Aulnais.
70	36 22 14 6 Ste. Anne la Pocatière.
78	44 30 22 14 8 Rivièr-e-Ouelle.
90	56 42 34 26 20 12 Kamouraska.
100 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$ 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ St. André.
114	80 66 58 50 44 36 24 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rivièr-e du Loup en bas. A Matis et le District de Gaspé, voir No. 3.
151	117 103 95 87 81 73 61 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ 37 Lac Témiscouata.
198	164 150 142 134 128 120 108 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ 84 47 Madawaska, N.-B.
231	197 183 175 167 161 153 141 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ 117 80 33 Gaspé, N.-B.
305	271 257 249 241 235 227 215 204 $\frac{1}{2}$ 191 154 107
369	235 321 313 305 299 291 279 268 $\frac{1}{2}$ 255 218 171
661	527 613 605 597 591 583 571 560 $\frac{1}{2}$ 547 510 463

NOTE.—Outre le principal service deux fois le semaine, il se fait trois voyages par semaine entre Woodstock et Frédéricton.

19.

De Laprairie à Manningville et Huntingdon.

MONTREAL.

9	LAPRAIRIE.
22	13 St. Rémi, (Point de Bureau à présent.)
32	23 10 Norton Creek.
39	30 17 7 Russelltown.
50	41 28 18 11 Manningville.
62	53 40 30 23 12 Huntingdon. Voir No. 22.

Une fois par semaine.

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23.

De Montréal, en montant la Rivière des Outaouais, jusqu'à Grenville, Bytown

10.

De Berthier et Sorel, en montant la Rivière Richelieu.

QUEBEC.													
180 MONTREAL													
187	7	St. Laurent.											
192	12		5	St. Martin.									
201	21	14	9	St. Eustache.	6	A Ste. Thérèse 8 milles, une fois par semaine.							
213	33	26	21	12	St. Benoit.								
225	45	38	33	24	12	St. André.	6	A Lachute 7 milles, trois fois.					
228	48	41	36	27	15	3	Chatham.	Voir No. 24, (trois fois par semaine à Hawkesbury et L'Orig.					
240	60	53	48	39	27	15	12	Grenville.	Traverse deux fois la semaine à Hawkesbury.				
270	90	83	78	69	57	45	42	30	Petite Nation.				
278	98	91	86	77	65	53	50	38	8	Lochaber.			
285	105	98	93	84	72	60	57	45	15	7	Buckingham.		
303	123	116	111	102	90	78	75	63	33	25	18	BYTOWN.	Voir No. 26. Poste de traverse à Osgood 21 milles.
304	124	117	112	103	91	79	76	64	44	26	19	1	Hull. 6 A Chelsea 8 milles.
311	131	124	119	110	98	86	83	71	41	33	26	8	7 Aylmer.
317	137	130	125	116	104	92	89	77	47	39	32	14	13 6 March.
335	155	148	143	134	122	110	107	95	65	57	50	32	31 24 18 Fitzroy Harbour. Voir No. 29.
356	176	169	164	155	143	131	128	116	86	78	71	53	52 45 39 21 Castleford. Poste de traverse de Castleford à Clarendon, 4 milles.
366	206	199	194	185	173	161	158	146	116	108	101	83	82 75 69 51 30 Westmeath.

Trois fois par semaine.

Une fois.

BERTHIER.

140	5	Sorel.
152	17	12 St. Ours. Voir No. 12.
159	24	19 7 St. Denis.
165	30	25 13 6 St. Charles. 6 A St. Hyacinthe 14 milles, deux fois.
172	37	32 20 13 7 St. Hilaire.
181	46	41 29 22 16 9 St. Mathias, (Point de Bureau.)
51	46	34 27 21 14 5 Chamby. 6 A Ste. Marie de Monnoir 10 milles. Vide No. 13.
		46 39 33 26 17 12 St. Jean. Voir Nos. 15 et 17.
		46 39 30 25 13 Isle aux Noix.

NOTE.—Il y
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1849 -

Scobie & Balfour's Canadian Almanac

1. Montréal – Bytown
2. Montréal – Portage du Fort et Calumet Island
3. Montréal – Ste-Thérèse-de-Blainville et St-Jérôme
4. Montréal – Carillon
5. Montréal – Dundee
6. Montréal – Mannigville
7. Montréal – Hemmingford
8. Montréal – Lacolle (et Champlain, É.-U.)
9. Montréal – Highgate (États-Unis)
10. Montréal – South Potton
11. Montréal – Stanstead (via St. Johns)
12. Montréal – Waterloo (via Sherbrooke et Stanstead)
13. Montréal – St-Hyacinthe (via Chambly)
14. Montréal – Yamaska (via William Henry)
15. Montréal – St-Hyacinthe (via Yamaska)
16. William Henry – St. Johns
17. Montréal – New Glasgow (via Terrebonne)
18. Montréal – Rawdon (via L'Assomption)
19. Montréal – Kildare

20. Montréal – Stanstead (Melbourne, Sherbrooke)
21. Québec – Nicolet (via Lotbinière)
22. Québec – Melbourne
23. Québec – Sherbrooke (via Leeds)
24. Québec – St. George East (route Kennebec)
25. Québec – West Frampton
26. Québec – St-Raymond
27. Québec – Murray Bay
28. Québec – Métis
29. Québec – Gaspé Basin (via Métis)

VIII. Kingston – Montréal

IX. Montréal – Québec

X. Montréal – Québec (maritime)

XI. Québec – Halifax (via Nouveau-Brunswick)

XII. Québec – Halifax (maritime)

Total de 34 routes postales



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1851 - Ministère des Postes

Ajouts d'environ 10 nouveaux bureaux
entre 1849 et 1851

➤ Bureaux intégrés sur les routes postales de 1849

Total de 34 routes postales au 5 avril 1851

Name of Route.	Name of Contractor or party receiving payment.	Period, Year ending 5th April, 1852.	Mode of conveyance.	Detail of all payments made, &c.—(Continued.)		
				No. of Trips per week.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward				18678	10 3
Matane and Metis	Henry Page	10 Months.	Mode not specified.	1	21	13 4
Melancthon and Osprey	Jas. Beachell	4 do	do	1	6	13 4
Melbourne and Richmond, Sherbrooke.	L Thomas	3 do	do	6	20	10 0
Melbourne and North Stukely	E. Lawrence	5 do	do	1	21	0 0
Melbourne and Richmond	L Thomas	Year.	do	12	25	0 0
Melrose and St. Johnsville	Joseph Morden	3 Months.	do	1	1	19 0
Melrose and Shennsville	H. Lewis	9 do	do	1	9	15 0
Merrickville and North Augusta	W. W. Walker	3 do	do	3	7	19 0
Metis and River du Loup	Thos. Jones	9 do	do	3	225	0 0
Metis and River du Loup	F. X. Bouchard	3 do	do	6	122	10 0
Milford and Pictou	R. McCaw	6 do	do	2	5	0 0
Milford and Pictou	James Gelman	6 do	do	2	7	13 4
Millbank and Waterloo	Wm. Rutherford	2 do	do	1	2	1 8
Millcreek and Newburg	P. Timmerman	Year.	do	3	44	0 0
Mono Mills and Mulmur	Geo. Taylor	do	do	1	15	0 0
Mono Mills and Orangeville	Geo. Taylor	9 Months.	do	1	6	11 3
Montreal and Quebec	Hamelin & Lacompte	Year.	Charette or Calèche Summer. P. O. Sleigh Winter.	3	919	8 10
Montreal and St. Eustache	M. Roche	9 Months.	Mode not specified.	6	97	14 3½
Montreal and St. Hyacinthe	St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company	Year.	Railroad.	6	150	0 0
Montreal and St. Johns	Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad Co.	do	do	7	1076	15 0
Montreal, Waterloo and Sherbrooke	Page & Grant	do	Stage Waggon.	6	620	0 0
Montreal and Terrebonne	Edw. Ranson	do	Mode not specified.	2	41	0 0
Morrisburg and North Williamsburg	Wm. Casselman	9 Months.	do	3	21	0 0
Mount Pleasant, South Monaghan, Murray Bay and Quebec	Wm. Scott	6 do	do	3	19	10 0
Nasagweya and Nelson	Eloï Boillie	Year.	do	2	115	0 0
Nelson and Waterdown	J. Easterbrook	do	do	1	14	0 0
New Glasgow and Terrebonne	Robt. Lottridge	do	do	6	22	10 0
Niagara and Whitefish	Thomas Akin	do	do	2	30	0 0
Niagara and St. Catharines	Jno. Mitchell	2 Months.	do	2	4	6 8
Niagara and Toronto	Robert Warren	3 do	do	6	10	5 0
Niagara and Youngstown	H. Weeks	Year.	Stage Ferry.	7	627	10 0
Niagara and Steamboat Landing	A. B. A. Clench	do	do	3	15	0 0
Nicole and Quebec	James Elliott	do	Mode not specified.	12	19	5 0
Nicole and St. Monique	A. Beauchemin	do	do	3	308	9 6
North Gower and Richmond	Pierre Comeau	2 Months.	do	1	1	12 6
North Port and Pictou	David Barrows	5 do	do	1	2	14 2
North Williamsburg and West Williamsburg	Isaac Demill	Year.	do	3	30	0 0
North Williamsburg and Winchster	Wm. Casselman	3 Months.	do	3	7	0 0
Ogdensburg and Prescott	J. P. Fetterley	Year.	do	3	20	0 0
Ogdensburg and Prescott	J. Plumb	do	Ferry.	6	12	10 0
	Carried forward				23405	18 1½

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Routes postales - Tableau récapitulatif					
<i>Administration</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>#de bureaux</i>	<i>Routes postales</i>		<i>Population</i>
Hugh Finlay	1763-1799	5	2		65 000 (1765) 112 420 (1784)
George Heriot	1799-1816	14	3		335 000 (1815)
Daniel Sutherland	1816-1827	65	5		
Thomas A. Stayner	1828-1851	256	10	1829	510 600 (1831)
			25	1840	890 260 (1851)
			29	1847	
			34	1849-51	

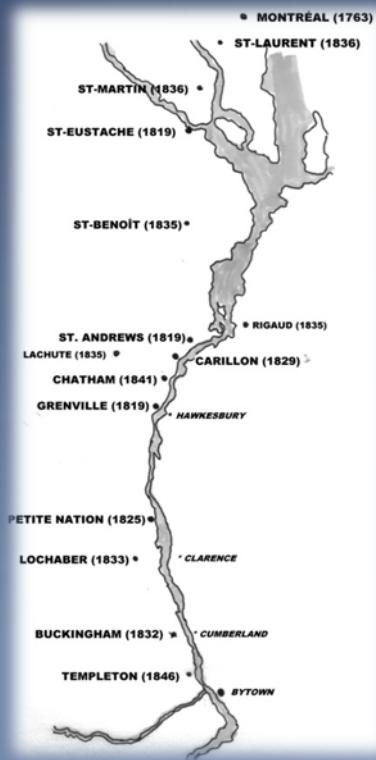
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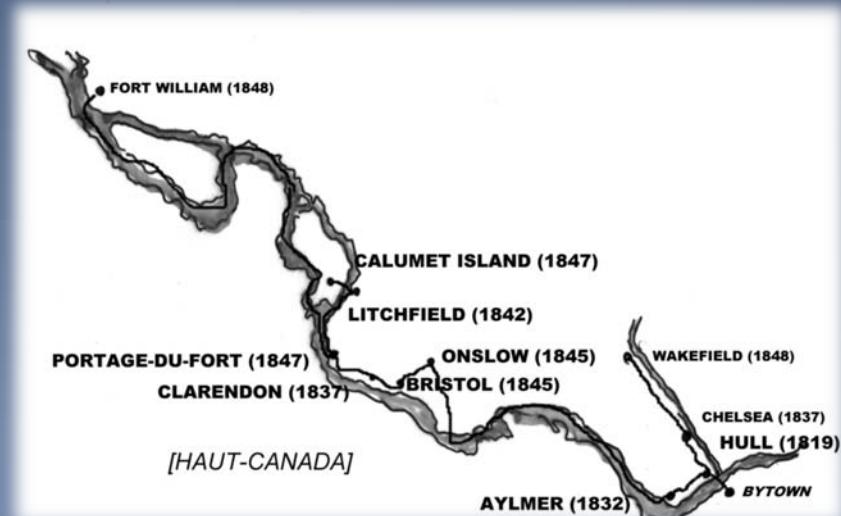
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Routes postales - Exemples en 1851

Route 1: Montréal - Bytown



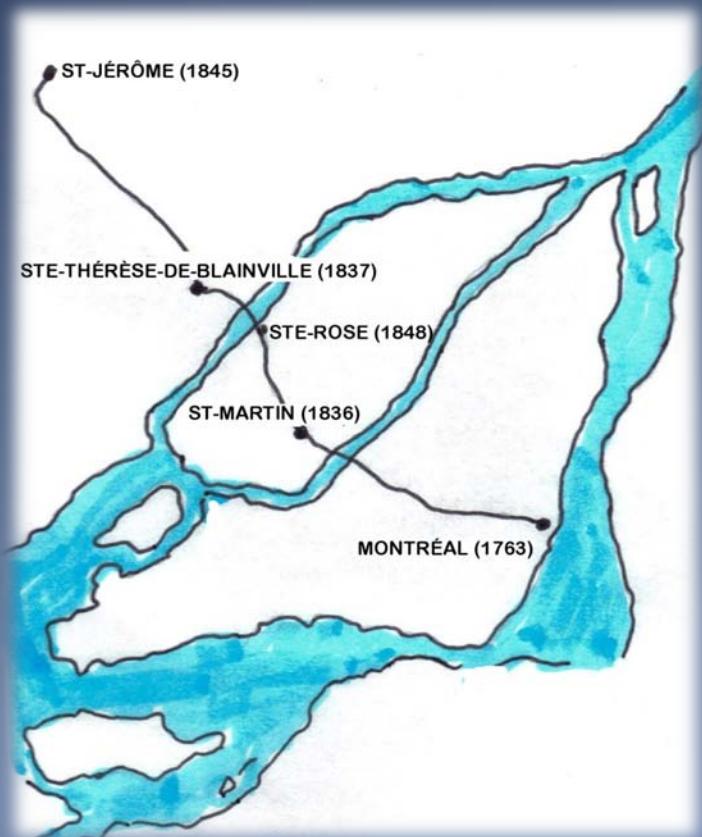
Route 2: Bytown - Portage du Fort et Fort William



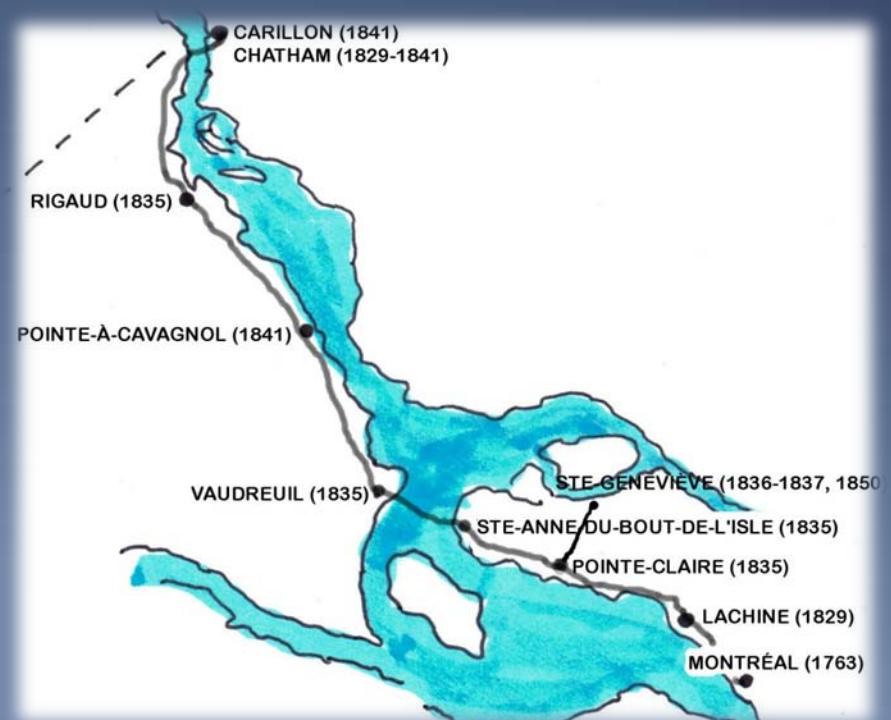
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Route 3: Montréal - St-Jérôme



Route 4: Montréal - Carillon



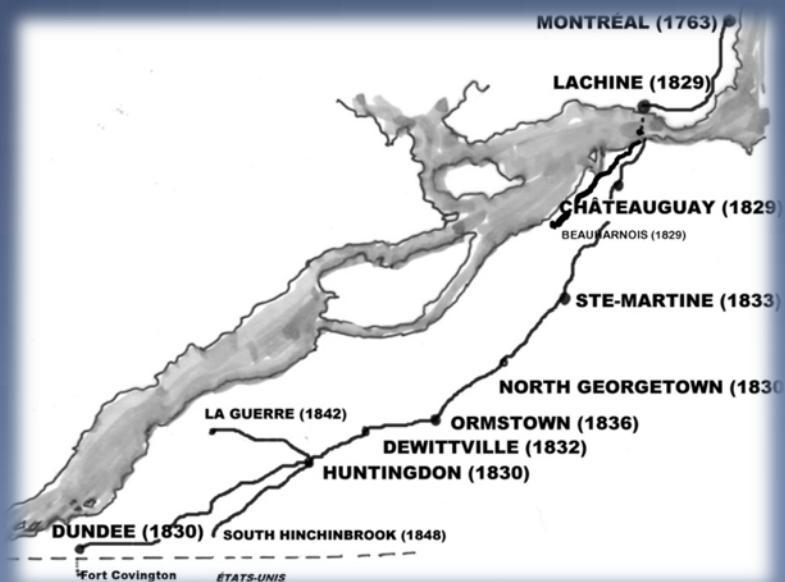
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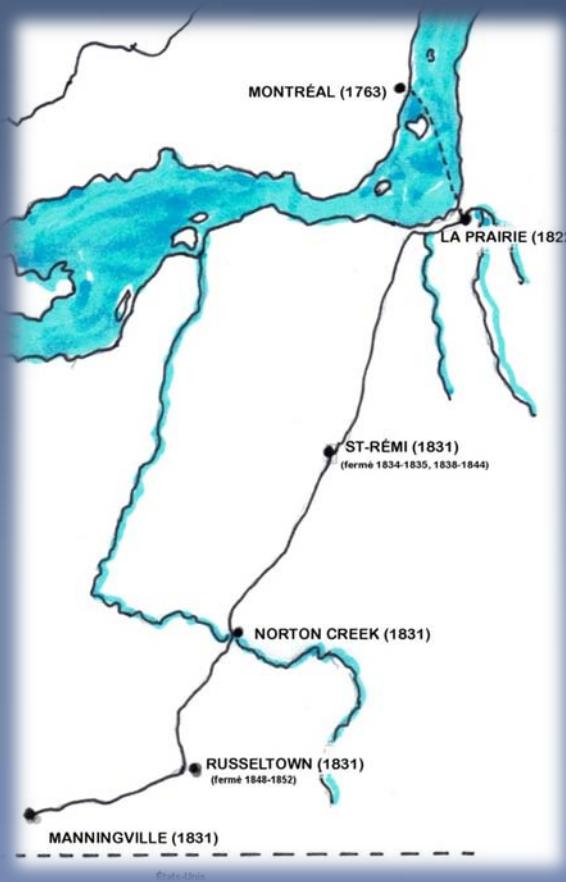
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Route 5: Montréal - Dundee



Route 6: Montréal - Manningville



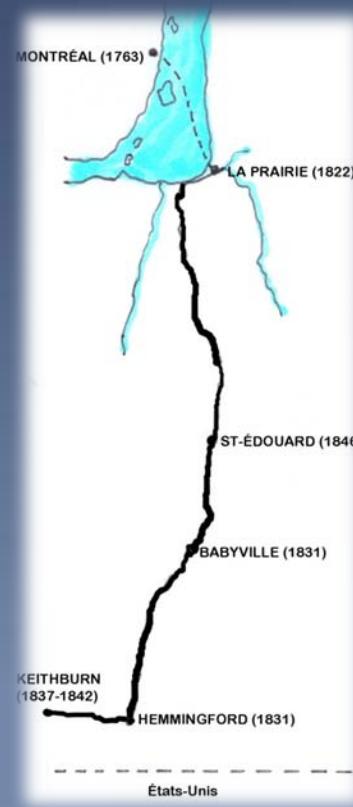
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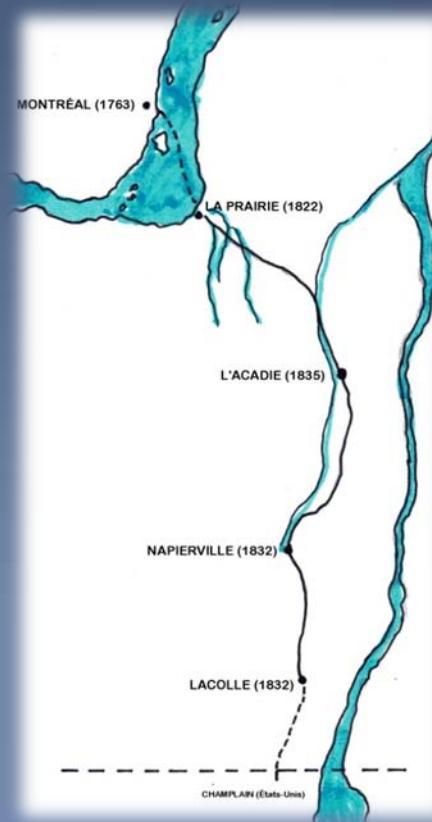
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Route 7: Montréal - Hemmingford



Route 8: Montréal - Lacolle / Champlain



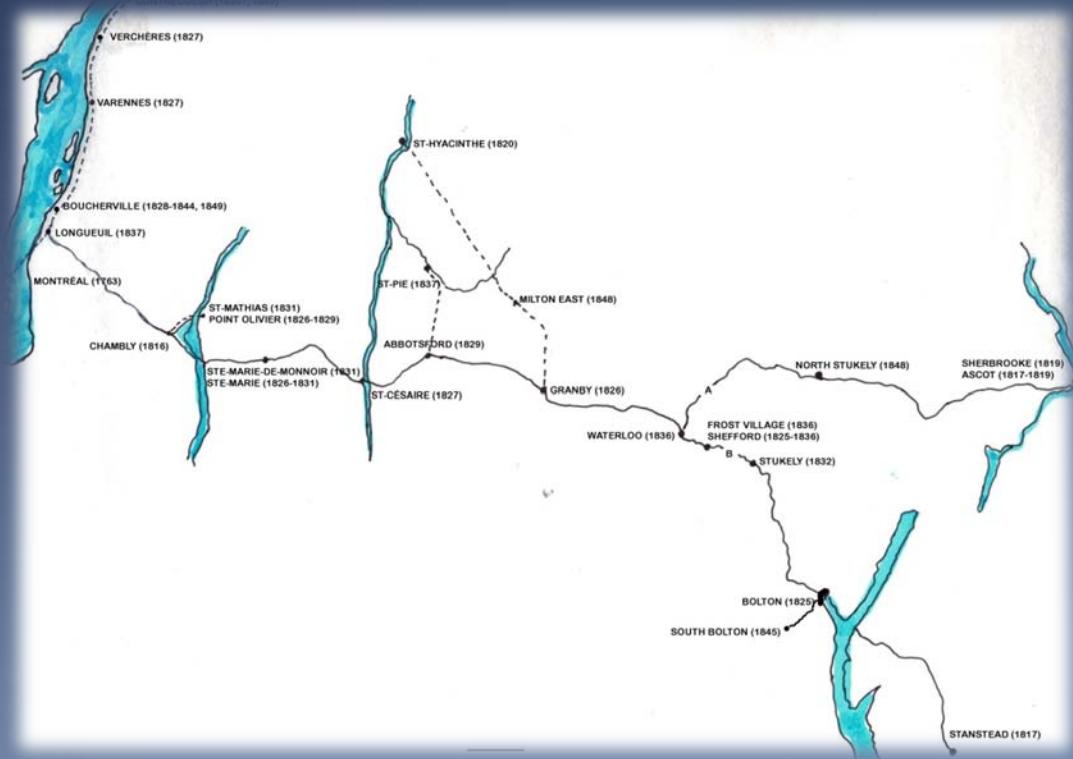
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Route 12: Montréal - Waterloo (pour Sherbrooke et Stanstead)



	Milles	Total	
Montréal			
Longueuil	3	3	→ Boucherville → Varennes → Verchères → Contrecoeur
Chambly	15	18	→ St-Mathias
Ste-Marie-de-Monnoir	5	23	
St-Césaire	9	32	
Abbotsford	6	38	→ St-Pie
Granby	9	47	→ Milton East → St-Hyacinthe
Waterloo	12	59	
[Route A]		North Stukely	13
		Sherbrooke	96
[Route B]		Frost Village	3
		Stukely	6
South Bolton ←		Bolton	14
		Stanstead	19
			101

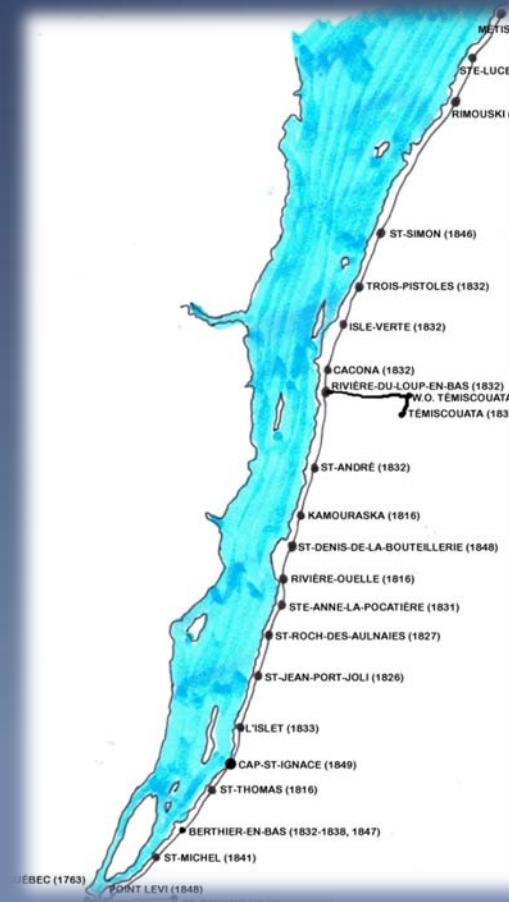
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Routes postales - 1851 (suite)

Route 28: Québec - Métis



Route 29: Québec - Gaspé Basin (via Métis)



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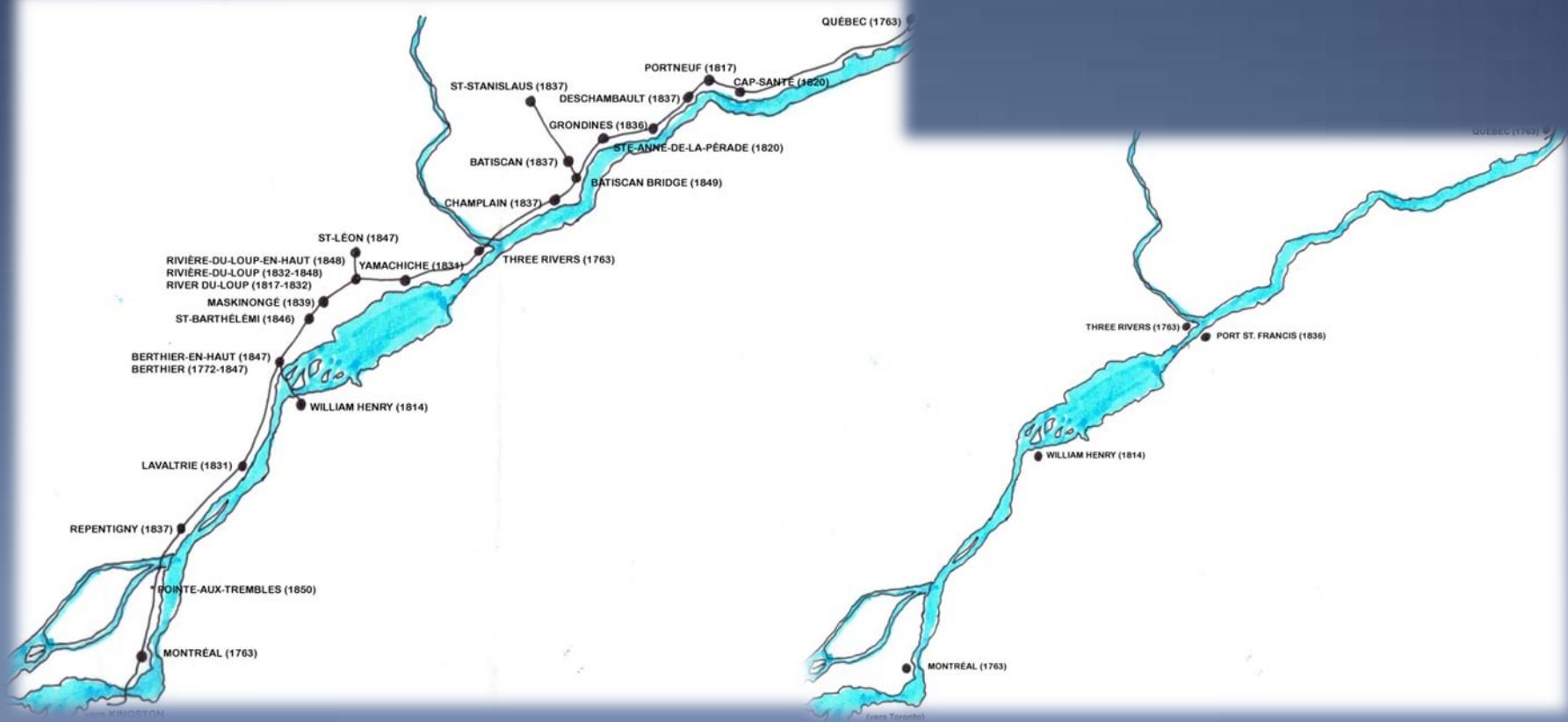
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Route IX - Montréal - Québec

Route X: Montréal - Québec (maritime)



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Routes postales - les itinéraires

Route 1: Montréal - Bytown (1847)

Montréal - By Town [1847]

» malle en direction de / « malle en provenance de / D: Distance en milles

Nom du bureau	D	Nouvelles routes et raccords	Détails
MONTRÉAL	-		Tous les jours sauf le dimanche. Temps requis : 29 heures
St Laurent	7		
St Martin	5		
St Eustache	9	» Ste Thérèse «	<u>Aller</u> Départ de Montréal à 9h30 et arrivée le lendemain à By-Town à 15h00 <u>Arrivée à:</u> St Eustache - 13h30 Grenville - 21h30 (et départ à 10h30) Petite Nation - 7h00 By-Town - 15h00 <u>Retour</u> Départ de By-Town à 4h00 et arrivée le lendemain à Montréal à 9h00
St Benoit	12		
St Andrews	12	» Lachute «	
Carillon	3	» L'Orignal « » Lachine «	
Chatham	6		
Grenville	6		
Petite Nation	30		
Lochaber	10		
Buckingham	5		
BY-TOWN	18	» Fitzroy Harbour «	
TOTAL	123		

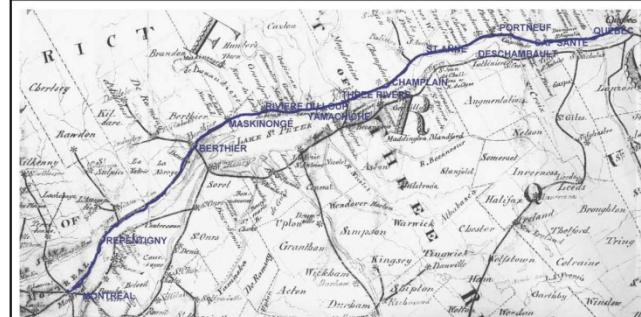


Route IX: Montréal - Québec (1847)

Montréal - Québec [1847]

» malle en direction de / « malle en provenance de / D: Distance en milles

Nom du bureau	D	Nouvelles routes et raccords	Détails
MONTRÉAL	-		
Repentigny (Bout de l'Isle)	15		
Berthier	30		
Maskinongé	17		
Rivière du Loup	7		
Yamachiche	3		
Three Rivers	18	» Stanstead »	
Champlain	15		
Saint Anne	15		
Deschambault	18		
Portneuf	7		
Cap Santé	5		
QUÉBEC	30		
Total	180		



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Routes postales – les contrats

1847 - les feuilles de route («Way Bill ») les feuilles de temps («Time Bill »)

Montréal – Bytown
Litchfield – Bytown
Bytown – Fitzroy Harbour
Litchfield – Pembroke (Canda-Ouest)
Carillon – Lachine
Carillon – L'Orignal (Canada-Ouest)
Montréal – Dundee
La Prairie – Champlain (États-Unis)
L'Assomption – Rawdon
St. Johns – Isle-aux-Noix et retour via Napierville
Montréal – Highgate (Vermont)
Philipsburg – Bedford
Stanstead – St. Johns
Montréal – Sherbrooke
Stanstead – Waterloo
St. Johns – William Henry
Terrebonne – Montréal
Stanstead – Port St. Francis

Three Rivers – Stanstead (service d'hiver)

Québec – Nicolet

Québec – Sherbrooke via New Ireland

Québec – Frampton

Québec – Murray Bay

Québec – Rivière-du-Loup

Québec – Fredericton

Montréal – Kingston

Québec – Gaspé

Montréal – Québec

TIME BILL FROM QUEBEC TO GASPE BASIN (VIA METIS.)

Post-Masters will state whether the hour is A. M. or P. M.

Date.	Day of the Week.	POST OFFICES.	Distance in Miles.	Hour of Arrival	Hour of Departure	Names of Couriers.	Signatures of the Postmasters.	No. Bay Conf'd.	When Company of Factory will charge.
5 July	Monday	Quebec, - - -		4 P.M.	8 A.M.	P. Bégin			
6 July	Tuesday	Metis, - - -	207	3 P.M.	8 A.M.	James	Perry Page	4	100
7 July	Wednesday	St. Pierre, - - -	96	6 A.M.	3 P.M.	W. K. H.	W. K. H.		
8 July	Thursday	Ristigouche, - - -	96						
9 July	Friday	Dalhousie, N. B., -	15	7 P.M.	8 A.M.	W. H. Rose	John B. Jr.	4	34
10 July	Saturday	Carlton, - - -	12	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	W. H. Rose	W. H. Rose		
11 July	Monday	New Carlisle, - - -	50	9 A.M.	1 P.M.	Other	H. Goldsmith	1	2
12 July	Tuesday	Cape Cove, - - -	61	9 A.M.	6 A.M.	C. G. le Patterson	John Kelly	2	
13 July	Wednesday	Percé, - - -	9	11 P.M.	10 A.M.	Other	W. H. Amette	2	
14 July	Thursday	Point St. Peter, - - -	15	7 P.M.	8 A.M.	Other	John Stark	2	
15 July	Friday	Gaspé Basin, - - -	22	4 P.M.	-	Other	John Stark	1	
		Total, - - -	487						

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General Post Office, Montreal,

T. A. STAYNER

D. P. A.

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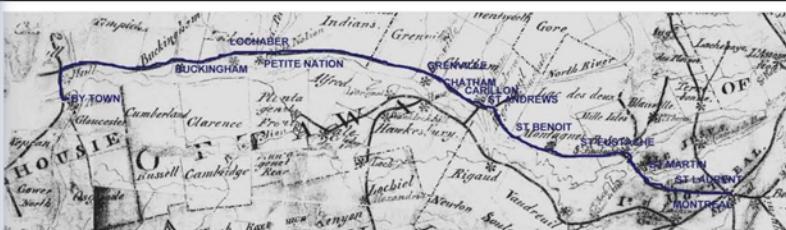
Routes postales - les feuilles de temps

Route 1: Montréal à Bytown (1847 et 1849)

Montréal - By Town [1847]

14 malle en direction de / 15 malle en provenance de / D: Distance en milles

Nom du bureau	D	Nouvelles routes et raccords	Détails
MONTRÉAL	-		Tous les jours sauf le dimanche. Temps requis : 29 heures
St Laurent	7		
St Martin	5		
St Eustache	9	⇒ Ste Thérèse ≈≈	
St Benoit	12		
St Andrews	12	⇒ Lachute ≈≈	
Carillon	3	⇒ L'Original ≈≈ ⇒ Lachine ≈≈	
Chatham	6		
Grenville	6		
Petite Nation	30		
Lochaber	10		
Buckingham	5		
BY-TOWN	18	⇒ Fitzroy Harbour ≈≈	
TOTAL	123		



TIME BILL FROM BYTOWN TO MONTREAL.							
In stating the time of Arrival and Departure, the Post-Masters initial add A.M. or P.M.							
Date.	POST-TOWNS.	No. of Miles.	Time of Arrival.	Time of Departure.	Signatures of Post-Masters.	No. of Mail Bags.	Casualties and Remark.
1863	By-Town,				St. Peter's & Agapit's	5	
1863	Templeton,	3					
1863	Buckingham,	15					
1863	Lochaber,	9	12 & 1 P.M.	10 & 10 A.M.	A. Jones, M.		
1863	Petite Nation,	6	12.50 P.M.	1.30 P.M.	St. M. & J. J. J.		
1863	Grenville,	30	1 P.M.	1.30 P.M.	Frederickham & Son		
1863	Chatham,	6	9.30 A.M.	1.35 P.M.	R. Martin for Mr. O'ne		
1863	Carillon,	6	10.25 A.M.	10.30 P.M.	Geo. W. Coulter, Jr.		
1863	St. Andrews,	3	11	11.30 A.M.	Geo. W. Coulter, Jr.		
1863	St. Benoit,	12	12	1 P.M.	J. J. O'leary		
1863	St. Eustache,	12	6.30	7.0 A.M.	M. L. G. M. & Co. Yeo		
1863	St. Martin,	9					
1863	St. Laurent,	5					
1863	Montreal,	7	9.40 A.M.	4 P.M.	W. G. & J. T. Mc	3	
	Total,	123		11.10 A.M.	100 bags	3	

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General Post-Office,
Montreal.

T. A. STAYNER,
D. P. M. G.

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Route 29: Québec - Gaspé Basin (via Métis) (1847 - 1849)

TIME BILL FROM QUEBEC TO GASPE BASIN (VIA METIS.)								
Post-Masters will state whether the hour is A. M. or P. M.								
Date.	Day of the Week.	POST OFFICES.	Distance in Miles.	Hour of Arrival.	Hour of Departure	Names of Couriers.	Signatures of the Postmasters.	No. of Bags in Courier's charge.
5 July	Monday	Quebec, - - -	-	4.10 P.M. <i>John P. Racine</i>	-	-	-	-
7 July	Wednesday	Métis, - - -	207	3 P.M. <i>John Casner</i>	6 A.M. <i>John Casner</i>	Henry Page	<i>John Page</i>	4
11 July	Sunday	Crofton, - - -	98.	8 A.M. <i>J. W. Kirk</i>	3 P.M. <i>J. W. Kirk</i>	Thaxter	<i>Thaxter</i>	3
11 Aug.	Monday	Ristigouche, - -	96	-	-	-	-	-
12	Monday	Dalhousie, N. B. -	15	7 P.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	8 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	John Blawie, Jr	<i>John Blawie, Jr</i>	3
12	Monday	Carleton, - - -	12	4 P.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	5 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	John Blawie	<i>John Blawie</i>	2
13	Tuesday	New Carlisle, - -	50	9 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	10 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	John Blawie	<i>John Blawie</i>	2
14	Wednesday	Cape Cove, - - -	61	8 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	6 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	John Blawie	<i>John Blawie</i>	2
16	Friday	Percé, - - -	9	11 P.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	10 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	Will Arnett	<i>Will Arnett</i>	2
17	Thursday	Point St. Peter, - -	15	7 P.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	7 A.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	John Kirk	<i>John Kirk</i>	2
18	Friday	Gaspé Basin, - -	22	4 P.M. <i>John Kirk</i>	-	John Kirk	<i>John Kirk</i>	1
		Total, - -	487					

The Post Master at Gaspé Basin will transmit this Time Bill to the Post Office Surveyor, Quebec, by the first Post after its receipt.
General Post Office, Montreal, {

T. A. STAVNER,
D. P. M. C.



Quebec - Gaspe Basin [1847] via Metis	
QUEBEC	-
Metis	207
Ristigouche	96
Dalhousie, N.B.	15
Carleton, B.C.	12
New Carlisle	50
Cape Cove	61
Percé	9
Point St Peter	15
GASPE BASIN	22
	487

Poste hebdomadaire

Aller
Départ de Québec le lundi à 16h00 et arrivée à Métis à 18h00 le mercredi.
Arrive à Ristigouche à midi le dimanche
Arrive à Dalhousie, N.B. à 16h00 le dimanche
Arrive à Carleton à midi le lundi
Arrive à New Carlisle à 8h00 le mardi
Arrive à Cape Cove à 9h00 les jeudi, Percé (midi), Point St Peter (16h00).
Arrive à Gaspé Basin à 14h00 le vendredi

Retour
Départ de Gaspé Basin le samedi à 15h00
Arrive à Point St Peter à 15h00 le dimanche
Arrive à Percé à midi le lundi, et à Cape Cove à 15h00
Arrive à New Carlisle à 13h00 le mercredi
Arrive à Carleton à midi le jeudi et Dalhousie, N.B. à 19h00
Arrive à Ristigouche à 10h00 le dimanche
Arrivée à Métis à 14h00 le mercredi
Arrivée à Québec à 7h00 le samedi

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Routes postales - les annonces publiques

(Annuaire Marcotte-Québec-1850-51)

QUEBEC POST OFFICE ARRANGEMENT, CORRECTED TO THE 15TH JULY, 1850.		
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE MAILS.		
MAILS.	ARRIVE.	CLOSE.
Montreal, United States and Canada West,	Every morning at 8, except Monday, in Summer,.....	Every afternoon, at 4, except Sunday, in Summer.
*Halifax, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Cape Briton, P. E. Island, Newfoundland and Bermuda,	Every Wednesday and Saturday morning at 8 o'clock,.....	Every Monday and Friday, at 3, afternoon. In Winter at 2, Friday.
*Offices on South Shore, below Quebec, to River du Loup, inclusive,	Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning at 8 o'clock,..	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 3. In Winter at 2, Friday.
*Isle Verte, Kakoua, Rimouski, St. Luce, Trois Pistolets, Metis, *Baie de Chaleur and Caspè Basin, St. Paul's Bay, Les Eboulements, and Murray-Bay,	Every Wednesday and Saturday morning at 8 o'clock,.....	Every Monday and Friday afternoon at 3. In Winter at 2, Friday.
La Beauce and Frampton, St. Henri, St. Joseph, St. George, St. Anselme and St. Claire,	Every Wednesday morning at 8,....	Every Friday afternoon at 3. In Winter at 2, Friday.
Leeds, St. Giles, St. Sylvester, Lower Ireland, New Ireland, Dudswell, and Sherbrooke,.....	Every Friday morning at 8,....	Every Saturday at Noon.
Offices on South Shore, above Quebec, to Nicolet,	Every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8,..	Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at half-past 12.
	Every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8,.....	Every Thursday afternoon at half-past 1, and every Saturday at 4, p. m., via Three Rivers and Sherbrooke.
	Every Thursday morning at 8,..	Every Tuesday and Friday at 2, P. M.
	Every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8,.....	

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POST OFFICE, MONTREAL.		
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE MAILS.		
SUMMER ARRANGEMENT, 1846.		
OFFICE HOURS.		
MAILS.	ARRIVE.	CLOSE.
Halifax, St. John N.B., &c. &c.,.....	Every Sunday and Thursday,.....	Thursday and Saturday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock, P. M.
Quebec, and intermediate places on the Route, per Steamers,	Every Morning, except Monday,.....	Every Afternoon, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock, except Sunday.
Land Route to Quebec,.....	Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5, P. M.
Canada West,.....	Every Forenoon,.....	Every Forenoon, at 10 o'clock.
Ottawa Route,.....	Every Forenoon, except Monday,.....	Every Forenoon, except Sunday, at 9 o'clock.
Laprairie and St. Johns,.....	Every Morning, except Monday,.....	Every Morning, except Sunday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8.
Philipsburg and Henryville,.....	Every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, A. M.
Sherbrooke Route, via Chambly and Granby, and from thence to Stanstead,	Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, in the Afternoon,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, A. M.
Boucherville, Varennes, and Verchères,.....	Every Tuesday and Saturday in the Afternoon,.....	Every Monday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, A. M.
Chambly, via St. Johns,.....	Every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, A. M.
Maussouche, Terrebonne, St. Vincent de Paul, and New Glasgow,.....	Every Wednesday and Saturday, in the Morning,.....	Every Wednesday and Saturday, at 1, P. M.
L'Assomption,.....	Every Monday and Saturday, in the Morning,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, P. M.
Rawdon, St. Roc, and St. Jacques,.....	Every Saturday, in the Morning,.....	Every Thursday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5, P. M.
Chateauguay Route,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Afternoon,.....	Every Tuesday and Thursday, at 6, P. M., and on Sunday, at 5, P. M.
Beauharnois,.....	Every Afternoon, except Sunday,.....	Every Afternoon, except Saturday, at 6 o'clock.
L'Acadie, Lacolle, Napierville, and Champlain, U. S.,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, in the Forenoon,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, A. M.
Pointe Claire, Vaudreuil, St. Ann's and Rigaud,.....	Every Thursday and Sunday Morning,.....	Every Tuesday and Friday, at 10, A. M.
Norton Creek, Russellton, and Manningville,.....	Every Saturday in the Forenoon,.....	Every Wednesday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, A. M.
Baileyville and Hemmingford,.....	Every Wednesday and Saturday, in the Forenoon,.....	Every Monday and Thursday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, A. M.
Bedford Route, via St. Johns, and through to Stanstead,	Every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday forenoon,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4, P. M.
Isle Aux Noix, Clarenceville, and Freiheitsburg,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Forenoon,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4, P. M.
St. Denis, St. Charles, St. Ours, and Beauharnois,.....	Every Morning except Tuesday,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, A. M.
St. Hyacinthe,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, in the Morning, by William Henry, and in the Afternoon, by Chambly,.....	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, A. M., via Chambly, and at 1, P. M., by William Henry.
Eastern Townships, via Three Rivers,.....	Every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, in the Morning,.....	Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 o'clock, P. M.
Lethbiinière, St. Pierre, and all other places on the South side, from Nicolet to Point Levé,.....	Every Saturday Morning,.....	Every Saturday, at 5 o'clock, P. M.
Port St. Francis and Nicolet,.....	Every Morning, except Monday,.....	Every Afternoon, except Sunday, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock.

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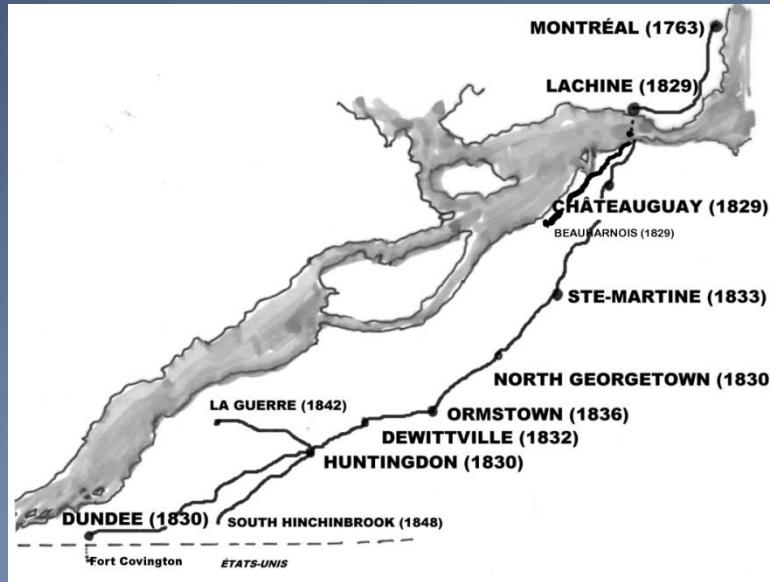
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Routes postales - les contrats

Route 5: Montréal - Dundee (Fort Covington, É.-U.) - 1838

Contrat donné à Joshua S. Lewis de Godmanchester pour le transport du courrier, trois fois par semaine (aller - retour) dans un wagon (été) et carriole (hiver) tiré par deux chevaux. Le courrier doit être protégé dans une boîte en bois. Montant total: 260 £ par année / période de 4 ans.

Cautionnement: James Robb et Stephen Henry Schuyler, cultivateurs de Godmanchester



contrat

CONTRACT

For Transporting His Majesty's Mails.

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this Twenty three day of May,
in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty 40/41 between
Sister, & Nieces of John & Lydia in the Province of Quebec
Canada, of the one part, and James, Alice, George, John, & Peter of
Keith & Heath, acting for and on behalf of H.M. Gentry, H.W. Hines and Successors, of the other part—witnessed, that for and in consideration of the sum or sums of
money hereinbefore said, the said Sister, & Nieces
engaged, commencing the Twenty sixth day of June, 1840, and
and continuing for four full and complete years, or more (as provided for in the conditions
hereinafter recited) to convey, or cause to be conveyed, His Majesty's Mails from
Montreal Post Office to Montgomery, N.Y. Post Office and back,
Three post week per each way, by the Route hereinafter indicated—upon the days of the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 25th, 28th, as may be pointed out, under
the authority of the Dy. Post Master General of British North America, as the same be directed. The
Route to be pursued in the conveyance of this Mail is intended to be as follows: subject to a
right of the Dy. Post Master General to alter the said Route should he find it necessary so to do
de-compensating the Contractor at the rate or proportion per mile at which he is to be paid
by this agreement, for any extra travel he may be consequent to be obliged to perform; or
deducting at the same ratio should the distance be lessened.

ROUTE OF THIS MAIL AND THE COMPUTED OR ASCERTAINED
DISTANCE VIZ.

DISTANCE, VIG;
From Montreal via Lachenaie, Caughnawaga,
St. Lawrence, North Troy, then Granville, Granfison,
Tunbridge, to the junction, serving the St. Martin

Distant computed at 7000 feet Msl. -

TIME OF DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL, VIZ.:

He shall be allowed to leave Montreal on the evening of Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be received by the contractor at the hotel in Toronto at 12 M^o on the evenings of the following days, viz., Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be allowed to leave Toronto on the evenings of Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be received by the contractor at the hotel in Montreal at 12 M^o on the evenings of the following days, viz., Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be allowed to leave Montreal on the evenings of Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be received by the contractor at the hotel in Toronto at 12 M^o on the evenings of the following days, viz., Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be allowed to leave Toronto on the evenings of Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and to be received by the contractor at the hotel in Montreal at 12 M^o on the evenings of the following days, viz., Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

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BOND FOR MAIL CONTRACT

Know all Men by these Presents,
That We,

Stephen J. Davis. Mail Conductor
James Bobb of Godmanchester, former
and Stephen King, Schuyler's same
place - former

are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to our Sovereign Lady the Queen,
Her heirs and successors, in the sum of

Current Money of the Province aforesaid, for which payment well

and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs and successors firmly by these presents, signed with our hands, and sealed by us at Wauhingdon
in the said Province of Lower Canada this Twenty-third day of
May in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty-eight

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above-named *John Keane*,
hereby has, by an instrument bearing date equal to this Bond, undertaken to
convey Her Majesty's Lands within *Monckton, East Sussex* and *Southwington, West Sussex* for *Four years or more*
commencing the *Twenty-eighth day of this present month*, May
under certain stipulations therein described, the correct performance of the said re-
cited stipulations will execute the aforesaid *John Keane*, *James Rothwell*, *John Lewis* and *John Charles*
from every penalty attending this obligation, otherwise
the same will be, and remains in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed } by J. Lewis Esq
in the presence of } Revd James Hobbs Esq
J. Lewis Esq

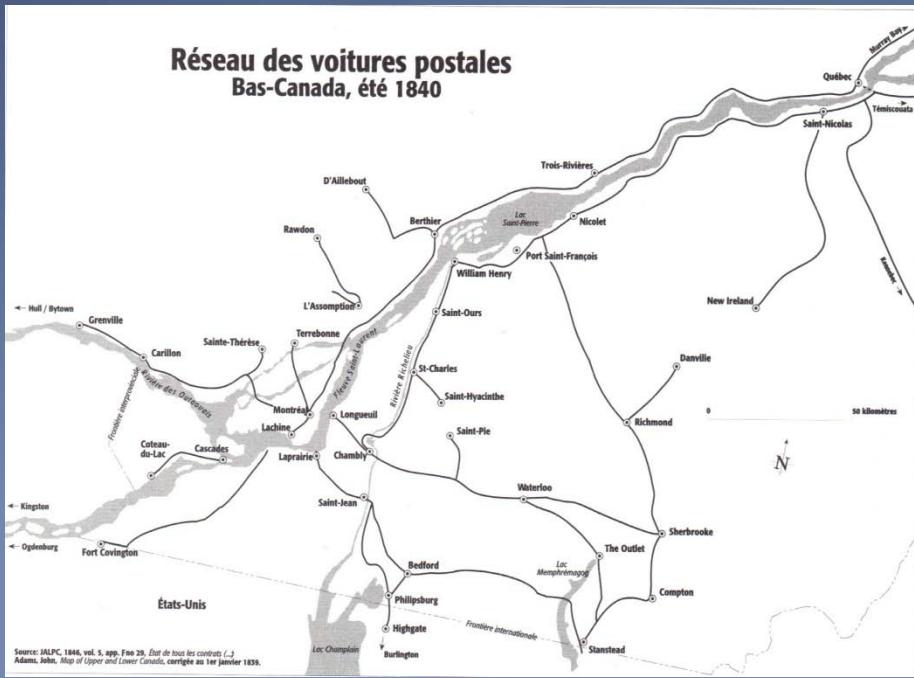
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Routes postales - modes de transport

- À cheval
- En calèche, wagon et carriole
- En malle-poste
- Par bateau



VOITURES UTILISÉES PAR LES CONTRACTEURS DE LA POSTE, ÉTÉ 1840	
Route postale	Type de véhicule
Abbotsford-Saint-Pie	Charrette légère
Bedford-Phillipsburg	Wagon
Berthier-D'Aillebout	Charrette légère
Danville-Richmond	Wagon
Fort Covington-Montréal	Deux chevaux à wagon
Grenville-Montréal	Charrette légère
Kennebec-Québec	Wagon de diligence
Highgate-Saint-Jean	Wagon à un cheval
Huntingdon-La Prairie	Charrette légère
L'Assomption-Rawdon	Charrette légère
Métis-Saint-André	Charrette légère
Montréal-Prescott	Diligence
Montréal-Sherbrooke	Wagon
Montréal-Terrebonne	Charrette légère
Montréal-Trois-Rivières	Charrette à malles fournie par le Département
Murray Bay-Québec	Charrette légère
New Ireland-Québec	Charrette légère
Nicolet-Québec	Charrette légère
Québec-lac Témiscouata	Charrette légère
Québec-Trois-Rivières	Charrette fournie par le Département
Saint-Charles-William Henry	Charrette légère
Saint-Eustache-Sainte-Thérèse	Charrette légère
Stanstead-Waterloo	Wagon
Stanstead-Saint-Jean	Wagon
Stanstead-Melbourne	Voiture à deux chevaux
Trois-Rivières-Melbourne	Voiture à un ou deux chevaux, au choix
Trois-Rivières-Sorel	Charrette légère
Saint-Charles-Saint-Mathias	Charrette légère
Saint-Charles-Saint-Hyacinthe	Charrette légère
Saint-Roch-L'Assomption	Charrette légère

(Le courrier est transporté à pied, à cheval, en canot, par voie ferrée ou au choix de l'entrepreneur sur 23 autres routes postales.)

Source : JALPC, 1846, vol. 5, app. F, n° 29, *Etat de tous les contrats (...).*

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