

season, and no suitable stables erected. The first of May presented itself with a snow storm, with one foot of snow which passed off in twenty-four hours, after which the cattle had abundance of herbage. The woods in that particular section afforded any amount of excellent fodder for the cattle for both summer and winter; the herbage, the cow cabbage, the leek and other varieties of vegetable matter were abundant in the summer time. The beaver meadow and the beaver grass also afforded ample food, with the browse from the tree tops. All this we were collecting to keep the cattle well, to bring them through the winter in good condition. It was my business as a boy to bring the cows for milking, regularly night and morning to their home. Their range was for miles, going at their pleasure and at their leisure, anywhere through the woods, over thousands of acres. My brothers and sisters pursued the ordinary work of the home and the land; I was the boy deputed to bring the cows home night and morning with a regularity such as could not be surpassed upon any farm or pasture land. Sometimes in the range of my search for the cows, I have found myself benighted, even after the frosts had appeared, but when it was possible for me to hear the cow bell, I knew it was within my power to reach the animals, and once I reached the herd, all I had to do was to summon them to return to the home, and many times I have followed when I could not see the cow before me in the darkness. I have followed the cow by taking hold of her tail, thus bringing them home with the help of two collie dogs who were my constant companions and faithful servants. My first summer in the Township of Artemesia was thus put in. I frequently found in the streams an excellent supply of speckled trout; many times have I got down on my breast upon a pole with the water running under it and picked the speckled trout out with my hands. Of course, in these early days the waters had not been depleted by the fish poachers.

The roads at that time were new and rough. It required something better than slippers; it required shoes, and those of a very heavy and strong make.