

ten to thirty thousand. The singular names of some towns in this and other districts originated with Sir Peregrine Maitland, who had a penchant for Spanish names. 254. The average expense of each emigrant, including passage, location, and support for fifteen months after arrival, is estimated at £22. The cheapest cabin passage to Canada, is in the Leith packets, being £15 only with wine and spirits, and but £12 without. All implements of husbandry are so inferior here, that the agriculturist must be careful to provide a good supply.

255. The front townships are irrigated with innumerable streams, whereon are many mills and various machinery. Newcastle District did not contain a single town in 1817, but has now Cobourg, the capital, Peterborough, Port Hope, Grafton, and about a dozen others. The best bridge in Upper Canada, is in this District, connecting the banks of the river Trent, at the village of that name: it is 750 feet long, and 32 broad. So fertile is the virgin soil, that one bushel of seed commonly yields forty of produce. Many gentlemen from England are here practising Canadian farming with success. The wife of a Mr. Bennett, in the neighbouring district of London, having brought him three sons at one birth, he, in compliment to the governor, Sir John Colborne, a most estimable man, named the first *Sir*, the second *John*, and the third *Colborne*.

256. The largest quantity of land that will be sold, by the government, to one person, is 10,000 acres: if he should want more, he must apply, in writing, through the lieutenant governor, to his majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies. Persons desirous of acquiring land without purchase, must apply to the surveyor general's office, Toronto. Copies of form will be supplied on payment of 2s. 6d. The largest military grant now made, without purchase, is 1200, formerly 5000 acres; the smallest 100. The duty called settlement, is clearing five acres out of a hundred; for which government allows two years; but this, in favorable weather, may be done in one month.

257. In townships around Lake St. Clair, a 200 acre lot has been sold for a barrel of pork, and often in the way of trade, at one shilling per acre. The term Concession, and laying out roads by the Diagram, is after the French fashion. A township is usually divided into 12 ranges or concessions, 28 lots each, of 200 acres, distinguished as the 1st, 2nd, and so on. The footpaths of new towns and some villages, both in the States and Canada, have a curb of single timber, well secured, which answers the double purpose of restraining encroachments on the road, and affording a means of getting from house to house in unfavorable weather.

258. The town line road between Oro and Medonte, with Cold Water on the East, were opened in 1832, and are passable, for any kind of carriages, at all seasons of the year. Many of its