

being put into the ground with a hand hoe, from the beginning of May till the middle of June. Turnips are sown about the first week in August, after the greatest heat has subsided, and at which time the fly has disappeared, simply requiring the harrow. It is to be understood, that the new land is never ploughed for the first and second crops. Timothy is the grass most cultivated, as it affords a large burthen of the best hay, besides good after-grass; however, it is best mixed with clover, to which it serves as a support and prevents matting.

*Duties of a New Settler.*—On application made to the superintendant of the land-granting department of the district in which he proposes to settle, he will obtain a ticket of location, for a certain quantity of land. Furnished with this, his first care ought to be, to select a proper situation for his house. This should be placed as near as may be to the public road on which his lot abuts, and contiguous, if possible, to a spring or run of water. Having chosen his spot, he then sets about clearing a sufficient space to erect his house on, taking care to cut down all the large trees within the distance of at least one hundred feet. The dimensions of the house are generally 20 feet by 18; and the timber used in constructing the walls, consisting of the rough stems of trees cut into those lengths, is not to exceed two feet in diameter. The height of the roof is commonly about 13 feet, which affords a ground room, and one over head. The house is roofed in with shingles, (a sort of wooden tiles) split out of the oak, chesnut, or pine timber. A door, windows, and an aperture for the chimney at one end, are next cut out of the walls, the spaces between the logs being filled up with split wood, and afterwards plastered, both inside and out, with clay or mortar, which renders it perfectly warm. When once the necessary space for the house is cleared, and the logs for the walls collected on the spot, the expense and labour of the settler in erecting his habitation, is a mere trifle, it being an established custom, among the neighbouring settlers, to give their assistance in the raising of it; and the whole is performed in a few hours.