

over no impediment; and from Lachineville of the soil, which forms the banks of the river St. Lawrence, a stage proceeds twice a week to Stanstead and passing the latter place on the second night. The distance is 113 miles, by the present circuitous route; but when Oxford shall have been opened, Sherbrooke will be connected with Montreal. The fare charged for a passenger and his baggage is £1. This road passes through Chambly, St. Césaire, St. Jérôme, Shefford, and Georgetown—villages affording excellent accommodations.

As far as Abbotsford, which is the extremity of the line, the soil is alluvial, and when wet, forms a heavy loam. It is extremely good, and will bear a large crop when the contemplated repairs shall have been made.

In the present season there is no intention to recommend the road to St. Nicholas, through Ireland, &c. by the road itself is in some parts indifferent, requiring a carriage, and the distance is greater to the districts proposed for settlement.

The road given to Port St. Francis, as the landing place for general reasons, via: the distance by land to Sherbrooke is the shortest; the road is better on this route than on the one to Lachineville, and the country is generally well established along

OF FARM PRODUCE AND STOCKING.

Corn selling at about 5s. to 5s. 3d. per bushel; the crop is very good the past season, and the quality excellent, estimated to a considerable extent—the price is about 2s. 6d. per bushel, or 1s. 2d. to 1s. 6d. per bushel. Pease at 3s. is produced in great quantities, both in natural and upland; it is usually applied to the wintering cattle, which are pastured during the summer, and 20s. to 30s. and 40s. per ton, according to situation, and in small quantities, and sells for about 5s. to 6s. 3d. Seed is also partially raised, and is worth from 7s. to 10s. Timothy and Hird's Grass Seed, are worth from 6s. to 10s. Turnips are sometimes sown, but not generally. The Potatoes, which yield large returns—their price is 2s. per bushel.

Agricultural productions of The Eastern Townships, include cattle, horses, hogs, and sheep. The first are bred and in considerable perfection; the breeds established in the country are generally well adapted for the dairy. Butter and cheese is annually exported; the quantity in the Montreal market of from 7d. to 1s. per lb., to 5d. according to their respective qualities. They are usually trained to the yoke, and are found eminently serviceable and tedious labours incidental to the opening of a new field for working at from £6 : 1s. to £10 per acre, and for 10s. to 17s. per pair. Cows £4 to £7 each in proportion. Fat oxen are driven to the Montreal or Boston markets, and sometimes to Brighton, in Massachusetts. The beef, on the hoof, is from £1 : 5s. to £1 : 10s. per 100 lbs., or stone of 8 lbs. Horses are raised in great numbers, of a useful breed; they are sold in Montreal and in the markets of the Northern States, the prices £20 to £40 or £50 each. Pork is an article of which port from The Eastern Townships, the bacon being a fine article is readily brought to market. The price of pork at present 30s. per 100 lbs. Salted pork per barrel of £3 : 10s. to £3 : 15s. for the quality termed "Prime," the produce of ordinary sized hogs, the inferior parts being packed. Of Sheep the number is annually increasing.

than the labourers who have been long accustomed to practice enables them to use the axe and the grubbing hoe, and to drive oxen with equal efficiency, while their previous habits of steadiness and industry generally procure for them a preference with employers. With economy, a labourer may lay by from the produce of his work during the first year or eighteen months, a sum sufficient to make the first payment required on the purchase of 50 to 100 acres of land, and to procure a supply of provisions for the support of himself and his family, while employed in making the first clearing and building a log house. His next object is, at the proper season, to sow in part with grain, and the remainder in potatoes, Indian corn, turnips, beans, &c. from 2 to 4 or 5 acres of his land. Should his stock of money be yet unexhausted, he proceeds to clear and bring under cultivation, a further acre or two in the same season, otherwise he accepts employment from the seed time until harvest from some neighbouring farmer, earning wages sufficient during that time, to carry him in great part through the ensuing winter, while at work again on his own land. This is the beginning of most of the settlers of The Eastern Townships, and when followed up with industry and economy, has invariably produced a comfortable independence, while in some cases, very large properties have been acquired.

The person of capital, who has the means of proceeding at once to bring into cultivation a considerable extent of wild land, may readily meet with contractors for felling the timber, burning it, clearing and fencing the land, and even for sowing the first seed at rates varying according to the state of the land, the size and quality of timber covering it, and the season which may be more or less favourable for the work. The average expense of clearing is 10 dollars or £2 10s. currency per acre, which, if the timber is hardwood, as maple, beech, birch, elm, or ash, is fully repaid by the produce of the ashes, formed in burning it. These are collected and leached in tubs or troughs on the ground, and the leye is afterwards boiled in iron kettles until the water which it contains is evaporated, when the residuum, termed in the country "black salts" is disposed of to the country merchants to be manufactured into merchantable pot or pearl ash. An acre of land produces from 100 to 300 hundred bushels of ashes, according to the timber which it contains; 20 bushels of ashes yield 1 cwt. of black salts, of which 27 to 30 ewt. are required to make a ton of pot or pearl ash. The price given to the settler for black salts has been 12s. 6d. per ewt, but it will probably increase with the price of the merchantable ashes.

The first buildings erected in new settlements, are usually of rough logs, which form a substantial lodging with little expense; they are soon put together, and may be contracted for at all prices from £5 upwards, according to their dimensions and the finishing required. Boards and planks are employed in the interior, and are usually to be procured in the neighbourhood, as there are saw mills in all parts of the country. Spruce and pine boards half-inch to one inch thick, are sold from 6 to 16 dollars, (£1 : 10s. to £4) per 1000, superficial feet. Plank 8 to 16 dollars (£2 : 2s.) per 1000 superficial feet.

To Emigrants who are proceeding by way of New York to His Majesty's Province of Canada. New York, 16th March, 1850.

In consequence of a change in the truly liberal course heretofore adopted at this Port, in permitting without unpacking or payment of duty of the personal baggage, household, and farming utensils of emigrants landing here to pass in transit through this State to His Majesty's Province, upon evidence being furnished of the fact, and that such packages alone contained articles of the foregoing description, I deem it my duty to make known that all articles arriving at this Port accompanying emigrants in transit to Canada, will be subject to the same inspection as if to remain in the United States and pay the duties to which the same are subjected. I think it proper to mention, that all articles suited to new settlers, are to be had in Canada on better terms than they can be brought out—and such as are adapted to the country.

JAS. BUCHANAN, Consul.

Extracted from the General Statistical Returns of Lower Canada, laid before the Legislature.

Districts.	Aubrines.	Other Municipalities.	PRODUCE, (Bushels.)						STOCK.				EDUCATION					
			Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Poese.	Rye.	Indian Corn.	Buck Wheat.	Potatoes.	Cattle.	Horses.	Sheep.	Hogs.	Schools.			
—	4	1	2140	1247	112	313	2955	3395	163	24003	184	178	1836	430	8	294		
—	1	—	957	1203	69	34	1000	747	7	13990	610	60	1095	140	2	48		
—	—	—	286	78	135	30	242	583	8	1721	103	13	76	43	2	58		
—	—	—	120	94	—	11	90	88	—	540	47	2	55	10	—	—		
—	2	2	1756	576	15	129	1354	4403	84	14705	597	50	679	261	5	192		
—	2	1	2808	3083	35	451	3098	7052	233	33366	1432	200	1974	721	4	110		
—	1	—	2507	1470	45	612	1253	7716	395	22975	1327	222	1654	752	6	196		
4	10	2	10637	7751	411	1580	11192	22894	971	111400	5132	715	7373	2347	27	862		
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—	6	3	5756	7797	91	1000	1493	10268	207	53060	2425	423	3654	1538	14	559		
—	—	1	8824	10700	996	1610	2943	9263	—	100985	201	366	4176	2094	17	668		
—	10	11	12763	30792	40	40	674	3301	2912	20940	25	196556	6281	1209	8794	4016	33	1179
—	2	4	3113	2415	20	560	2445	3709	23	32991	1539	248	2364	860	8	324		
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—	1	1	4211	5722	473	425	2218	1373	37	36720	1534	250	2349	673	6	220		
—	4	3	5425	5913	286	639	2071	5096	33	40180	1938	340	2584	1298	10	312		
—	—	—	2798	3786	63	282	1130	2805	38	34593	1000	256	1288	662	5	265		
—	—	1	1144	1273	73	137	234	456	8	8800	292	49	497	197	2	40		
—	—	—	369	274	10	58	97	51	—	3100	103	13	147	47	—	—		
—	—	—	950	470	14	75	269	265	223	7080	280	29	364	132	—	—		
—	—	—	135	333	—	28	73	118	20	3890	66	50	5	52	—	—		
—	—	—	749	1525	—	10	808	1400	—	9190	295	60	421	181	3	96		
—	2	2	3122	3961	64	293	2297	2515	20	36236	1140	219	1634	821	6	248		
—	—	—	2822	1945	150	373	459	1757	—	23470	946	154	1319	677	6	188		
—	—	—	413	876	20	1	235	975	—	6750	255	22	255	142	1	20		
—	—	—	320	120	21	20	130	79	—	1360	66	8	119	42	—	—		
—	—	—	718	723	10	69	444	162	—	3400	220	28	330	95	—	—		
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