

accommodations were somewhat homely, the essentials were good, and cleanliness and civility compensated for what else might be amiss. Mr P—— received me in his parlour, and we were speedily provided with a snug dinner, which contained, to my delight, a fry of delicate pink-fleshed trouts, similar to the produce of some of our Highland lakes, and which the Speed supplies in great abundance, affording excellent sport to the angler. In the afternoon I walked out with my host, whom I found possessed of a spice of lamour. He conducted me through a capital grist-mill, erected by the Company; the dues exacted at which, for grain manufactured, amount to one-twelfth of the produce in flour. The town appeared at this time rather stagnant. "There stands the bank (says Oliver) which never stopped, seeing that it never started; and that fine affair of a market-place will be six months together without a joint."—The situation and soil of Guelph are healthy and good, standing upon a fine platform, with the river sweeping round it, and enjoying the *sine qua non* of an abundant supply of copious springs. There is a very commodious log mansion-house, named the Priory, at present empty. It contains good family accommodation, with some handsome apartments; and, being sweetly placed upon the banks of the river, is capable of being made a pleasing abode. Upon a sloping bank exactly opposite, a good farm has been improved, and adds comfort to the landscape—while the forest in wild magnificence skirts the rising grounds which environ the settlement.

I left Guelph the following forenoon in my landlord's light waggon, he himself undertaking to convey me to Galt, the residence of Mr D——, who I knew was expecting me about this time. The distance was about twenty miles, for which I paid two dollars, or 10s. English. My host proved a most intelligent and amusing companion. We found the road upon the whole very tolerable; that is to say, I never was required to dismount, for we were certainly not altogether exempt from a little *corduroy*, or floundering in a mud-hole. We passed through several good-looking farms, in various stages of progress, all of which were evidently labouring under a deficiency of capital to stock and improve them. Another industrious and prosperous Negro was located on the wayside. He had in-