

The following is an Extract from a Letter inserted in the *Northampton Herald* of the 18th of February, 1832. The writer not only bears testimony to the truth of Mr. PICKERING'S book, but gives the latest statement of the PRICES of PRODUCE and LABOUR, both matters of the greatest importance to the Emigrant.

To Thomas E——, Aynho, Northamptonshire.

Guelph, Oct. 20, 1831.

DEAR FATHER, I hope this will find you in good health. I wrote to you about the 24th of June, and I have not received an answer; it was merely to state that we were safe arrived and all well. It seemed, at first, as though the Lord had forsook us, for there was not a day but tidings came of some disaster. I bought  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acre of wheat and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  acre of barley; the wheat was laid at from 25 to 30 bushels, and every day, from the time I bought it, came news that the hogs and the cattle were in it, so that it reduced my wheat to 6 bushel: such a loss almost ruined me. I was ill, and obliged to give a pound to have it thrashed; but I am fast recovering, and my wife keeps up her spirits wonderfully. I am induced to go to Woolwich, to live near a large farmer, that went there nine years ago, without a dollar in the world. He will fetch me up free of expense; I shall have for my use whatever his farm produces, and work it out, or pay when I can afford it. He offers me a yoke of oxen, and I have looked out 200 acres of land, and as good land as any I have seen, at 15s. per acre. I have been to the agent, and I may take 10 or 20 years to pay it in, if I choose. There is plenty of land to be had in the same way. T—— had his in the same way, and he has 130 acres of cleared land and 70 of bush, all paid for; he has 50 head of cattle, 2 span of horses, 40 sheep, 60 hogs; and raised last year 1000 bushels of wheat, and other grain in proportion. There is a great many settlers that began, some two, some three years ago, and all are doing well. All the tradesmen in this country are farmers, and do not care to wait on you at all; if they do ten minutes' work, a quarter of a dollar; they say farming is best; the profits are coming if you are at a tavern. I believe there is a good chance here for any branch. Beef, pork, and mutton, is 3d. per lb., but not fat; whiskey 2s. per gallon; beer 1d. per quart. The climate is much the same as England; it has been a very wet summer. Joseph is with me yet; he has not been able to work a great deal, but he earned 20 dollars in 25 days, and his keep. We have a fine cow, a hog of 6 score, and 2 hens. I have bought several things for our use, and have a few dollars left to go into the woods with. I am sorry I cannot write to all that wish me, *but that book I had from Northampton* (viz. "PICKERING'S INQUIRIES OF AN EMIGRANT"), *is a better account than I can give; it is a true account.* If I had ten pounds now I should not be afraid but I could soon be independent; but being obliged to work out and hire oxen, will keep me back a year or two, *but what others have done, why may not I accomplish.* I believe any person coming here that had 40l. or 50l. might live well and save money, and a person with 200l. might live on a farm and save 50l. a year without working at all—reckoning his improvements. If I have the luck to clear 40 acres in 5 years, my improvements will be worth 500 dollars, that is 125l. Halifax currency, according as improvements sell. English or British sterling is 2d. in the shilling more than the currency of this country, either in gold or silver, that is all the difference in the coin.

W. E.