

collected from six to twelve hundred acres of land. True it is, that this cannot at present be called a large property; but, when a parent can reflect, that he has secured for each of his family after him a comfortable farm, how satisfied must such a one feel. It has not been the lot of every one to be forced to these reflections: happy are they who have no necessity for them; but much more happy they who by their industry have rendered themselves independent, and their families after them.

In Upper Canada, no man of moderate desires feels anxious about the future success of his family. In the country, which is chiefly inhabited, every man feels the increase of his family an increase of his riches; and no one doubts about the facility of providing for his children as comfortably as they have been accustomed to live. This security is naturally felt where land is so cheap and fertile, where society is so much on an equality, and where the prodigious increase of population, from natural and accidental causes, and the improving state of the country, furnish a market for any quantity of superfluous produce, without presenting incessantly that temptation to artificial expence and extravagant competition, too common in old countries. Nor do I wish the expression "artificial expence" to be construed as excluding reasonable amusements. Throughout America, the middle classes, who compose the greater number, enjoy a full proportion