

hundred miles from Quebec to the Township of Eardley, which in some places is quite rocky, but the land behind is considered fertile but hilly.

Q. What would be the length of Road connecting the Lower Canadian Settlements from River du Loup and Masquinongé to Hull, in as straight a line as the nature of the Country would admit?

A. I should think about one hundred and sixty miles.

Q. What is the expense of clearing and fencing an acre of wild land, and what is the usual produce of an acre of wild land, and in what consists the process of clearing?

A. The expense of clearing an acre of land is £3, the produce is from 200 to 400 bushels of Potatoes per acre, or 25 bushels of oats, or 25 bushels of wheat, or 30 bushels Indian Corn, or 200 bushels Turnips. The process of clearing consists in three things, first, cutting down the under brush, which is worth 7s -6d. secondly, chopping down the wood in rows two Rods wide, worth 25s. thirdly, Firing, Burning and Branding fit for the Harrow, worth 27s-6d. then the work is done.

Q. What would be the expense of putting in the Crop per acre?

A. The common price is ten shillings.

Q. Do not the poorer sort of settlers find themselves occasionally constrained to adopt a more imperfect mode of clearing, and what is that mode?

A. Yes, they first cut the brush and small trees, leaving the large trees standing, which shade the land, so that they do not get more than half a crop.