

THE LIFE
OF A
BACKWOODSMAN,

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IT has occurred to me, that notwithstanding the many, and some of them really valuable publications, embracing advice and instructions to intending emigrants, a *want* appears in not fairly stating the common routine of the business or employment of a settler or emigrant in the bush. I suppose, in referring to this want, that the intending emigrant is of an enquiring disposition, and is anxious to know to the utmost the various scenes he has to act in, *after arriving* in Canada. As I live in the bush in the Huron Tract, a tract of land which was purchased by the Canada Company from the Government, I do not intend in these brief remarks, (which are submitted from my own experience, and from the information of many with whom I have conversed) to refer specifically to other parts of Canada, but to confine them to the usual mode of settlement of wild lands in this tract, and to the life and ways of a settler or emigrant after he locates himself on his land. The term Backwoodsman is frequently applied to a settler who chooses to pitch his tent in the bush, and this is applicable to every emigrant who goes to live on wild land.

The information which I give will also be applicable to the life of a settler in any bush or wild land in Canada, as the same operations have to be gone through every where, in the clearing of wild or bush land. As to emigrants settling on cleared farms, that is