For days and weeks together in the busy summer time she and the daughters of the household milked the cows of a very considerable dairy, cared for the milk, churned the cream in the old fashioned, upright dasher churn, made and packed the butter in addition to the care of the home,— the bread making, cooking, washing, and mending for her large family.

Hand looms for weaving were then found in many homes and these added another burden to their many cares.

No settler was content without the golden-footed sheep upon his farm to supply him with cash from the sale of the lambs, wholesome meat for his table, and wool for clothing for the family, blankets, stockings, mittens and the like. Much of the wool was carded by hand, spun upon the old-fashioned spinning wheel, wove upon the hand loom, and made up into the various garments and articles by hand.

Ample scope might here be given to a vivid imagination and a facile pen without risk of exaggerating the difficulties of the task and the labor required to perform it.

It was no uncommon thing at autumn time for travelling tailors, tailoresses, and shoe-makers to come in to the homes of those who could afford to employ them and remain weeks at a time helping to make up the outfit of garments and boots for winter use.

Law and Medicine.

Professional men were then but few, and largely a superfluity. As might be expected, those who located in such new and sparsely settled communities were generally of the most ordinary attainments and qualifications.

For the most part litigants stated their own case and pleaded the cause before local magistrates in the most informal manner. Dignity and decorum were then not in evidence, and not infrequently the most ludicrous scenes were enacted. These magistrates often received their appointment for effective political work in behalf of some budding son, or ambitious individual with plenty of money, who usually came from Montreal, and who desired to add the prefix Hon. or the suffix M. P. P. to his family name by capturing a rural constituency