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STATEMENT BY JAMES HASTINGS.

North Easthope, Huron District, 19th Sept. 1842.

SIR,

In accordance with your request that I would state how I have succeeded in this country, I think the best way for me to convey to you a just idea of my success and prospects is to state, though briefly, the following facts:—

I emigrated from Dumfriesshire in Scotland, in 1836, having had a farm there on lease in the parish of Glencairn, and Minnihive being the nearest post town. In July of that year I came to this Tract, and I considered then that I would buy a lot of land with some improvements on it. I bought out the right and interest of the holder of this lot I live on, being No. 7 in the second concession of this township, consisting of 100 acres, and he had then about ten acres of cleared land and a small log-house (covered with bark) on it. The land had been taken up from the Canada Company some years previous, at the rate of 12 dollar per acre, and I paid the holder of at for his interest 862 dollars, and I also paid to the Company one instalment, which, with the legal interest at 6 per cent. on the whole, due up to the above period, amounted to 60 dollars. I had then as much money left as bought me a yoke of working oxen and two cows. What I have stated shews the amount of funds I had.