

every man who desires it, can easily obtain a lot of land for himself.

This scheme is nearly the same as that adopted by the authorities of the State of Maine, under which such rapid progress has been made in Aroostook County within the last five years; and so far as separate individual settlers are concerned, I do not see how it can be improved, or made more favorable than it is now; for whoever desires to settle may go wherever he pleases and choose his lot of land, which he can obtain "without money," and almost "without price;" his labour on the road being as much for his own benefit as the building of a fence, or any other improvement about his premises. But where a number of persons combine together to form a new settlement, a very different process should be adopted.

1st. A suitable tract of wilderness land should be selected, and a road be carefully explored and marked out, to connect it with some road or settlement previously made.

2nd. The shape and size of the block to be occupied should be determined on, and the outside lines marked off. An oblong space, with two parallel sides, and four square corners, is the most convenient.

3rd. A line of road through this block, from one end to the other, should then be explored and marked out by some suitable person, say a practical lumberer, who understands looking out and clearing roads in the woods, and hauling loads thereon. This is a most important part of the process, as all steep hills should be carefully avoided.

4th. The Surveyor should then lay off one tier of lots, of one hundred acres each, on each side of the line of road so marked out. Those lots, though all of one size, would not be all of the same shape; as the line of road, unless the land were level, or nearly so, would be crooked, so that the lots would differ from one another both in length and breadth.

This done, an opening should be made through the entire length of the block, by cutting down the trees on the fronts of all the lots on each side of the line of road, in the manner heretofore described in the case of the Harvey settlers.

Having previously described the whole process of clearing, sowing, planting, and harvesting, as applicable in this case, I shall now make a few remarks on the subject of