

dangers, the difficulties, and the hardships of pioneer life, did we deem it necessary. But they were not the kind of persons to be easily discouraged, and making the best of their circumstances, they worked with a will and energy, before which everything gave way. The wilderness was converted into a fruitful field, indigence was succeeded by independence, and from this small beginning has grown a settlement second to none in the Province, for intelligence, wealth, and the comforts of life. And now as the tourist passes up or down the magnificent Saint John, with no place is he better pleased than the beautiful little neighborhood of Sheffield.

In the bringing about of this delightful change, the deceased played no unimportant part. A sober, steady, and industrious man, he laboured diligently and perseveringly to improve his temporal circumstances, and to provide for himself and for those who were dependent upon him, whatever might contribute to their comfort. Early and late, beneath the summer's heat or the winter's cold, on the farm or otherwise, we find him labouring with unremitting effort. "Make the best of both worlds," is good advice, and well would it be for individuals and for society were it more generally attended to.

Such was the opinion of Mr. Burpee, as practically expressed in his life, and he was glad to know that his well directed efforts in this respect were eminently successful. The later years of his life were comparatively easy and free from toil, and in the various comforts with which he was surrounded, he felt amply repaid for all his previous labours. In his children's welfare he was deeply interested, gave them a good education, and lent them such assistance as he deemed best calculated to ensure their success in life. And it must have been very gratifying to a father's heart to see his children so comfortably situated.