

the cordial assistance I received from the settlers along the river St. John. All seemed to vie in tendering me any assistance they could. Among so many, who, in this way contributed to my success it is hazardous specially to refer to any. I feel, however, I can, without injustice to any, refer especially to the exertions of "good Mrs. Kilbuck," whose unwavering devotion to the wants and comforts of the women and children in providing them many luxuries they could not otherwise have obtained, in tendering advice and instruction in the many arts which the new settlers' "guid wife" highly prizes, such as the mysteries of buckwheat pan-cake making, bread baking, and the improvising for present uses and purposes, the slender means at hand for house keeping, contributed largely to the strengthening the determination of many a guid wife to stand firm to the task she and her guid man had undertaken when they made up their minds to trust their fortune in the success of this immigration enterprise. By the 16th of June, all were quartered in the houses so far as built, and a sentiment, which prevailed among them all, will be best understood from the remark of one of them who, meeting my road overseer early the next morning after he and family had slept for the first time in the house prepared for them, after passing the usual compliments of the morning, cast his eye to the hill over which the sun was just rising, and with that reverential feeling which few can better express than the candid honest God fearing Scotchman said: "Thank God, I've slept for the first night in my own house and on my own land where I don't pay rent."

On leaving, I counted up the number of acres located, and the numbers represented by the locatees, and found that, at this date, there were in the County of Victoria 446 and elsewhere within the Province 30, making about five per cent. of loss on the total number that had arrived by the steamer "Castalia," and that over 16,000 acres had been located to the Scotch colonists under the Free Grants' Act. In this loss there was only one practical farmer. It was therefore very fairly concluded that this Scotch immigration enterprise of the Government had been successful beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends, whose hearts almost failed them six weeks before.

The cordial welcome, which they received at St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock and other points along the river on their passage up, largely contributed to the success of the enterprise. The colonists felt that the hearts and heads of the country were with them, and I felt gratified that the kind warm-hearted enthusiastic reception, which in my last year's Report I bespoke, had been fully extended to them by the country at large.

George Troup, Esq., whose frequent letters to the press of Scotland and this Province, give a very accurate account of the positions of matters and the progress from time to time made, was most zealous in his labors in connection of the colony, and very considerably assisted me in many ways.

On the 18th of June, I returned to Fredericton and reported to the Government what had been done. I made a settlement with Capt. Heller for the num-