

We have seen intricate Indian trails and crooked cow-paths give place to numerous highways, well made, graded and levelled, intersecting the County in every direction. From there being but a few barley and potatoe patches, surrounded by unbroken forests, we see around us upwards of fifty thousand acres of improved lands. We have seen a share of land containing six hundred and sixty-six acres, sold for £10, and we have lately heard of a piece of ground less than a hundred feet square being sold for \$6000: the aggregate value of all property, real and personal, in the Township of Yarmouth alone, being probably well nigh ten millions of dollars.\* We have seen the inhabitants obliged to go a hundred miles to register a deed, or try a cause, and that without any kind of road, and now their descendants have every such convenience at their very doors. From scarcely any but the most precarious means of communication with even Halifax or St. John, not to mention England, we see several daily mails brought in from all parts; and by means of the electric telegraph we can be in hourly communication with the most distant countries.

And still the march is onward. Institutions indicative of industry, perseverance, and enterprize, are ever springing into life, affording, if necessary, additional substantial evi-

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\* With increasing public wealth, there must be *apparently* increasing public burdens. In 1771, the Poor Rate in the Township of Yarmouth was about twenty pounds; whereas now—allowance being made for the temporarily increased tax to meet the cost of the new Asylum for the poor, which tax has now ceased—the average annual rate is about one thousand pounds: and the public burdens of all kinds, now amount to about \$30,000 per annum. But nothing is plainer than that the Township is more than five hundred per cent. richer than it was a hundred years ago; or, that it is much easier for us to bear the rates which are levied on us, than it was for the handful of first settlers to bear theirs.