

have ten acres of the land upon which she landed she would never go an inch farther.

The following day we hired a horse and cart to convey us to the canal with our little furniture. We took leave of Mrs. Wilson, who pressed us to remain until the Captain would return. We did not proceed far when the horse got tired and the cart broke down, owing to the badness of the road, if it could be called one. Mrs. O'Connor took the child in her arms and walked along the best way she could, while the driver and I had to get the horse and cart along the best way we could, until we got to Billings' farm, where a ferry scow was kept to convey passengers across the Rideau. There was nobody there at the time but a few women, who did not wish to attempt ferrying us across. In this predicament we lay on the bank for some time, when a farmer on the other side named Mr. Dow came across in his canoe, and kindly brought us across to his house, together with our bed, etc. When we started for the canal on foot, a distance of three miles through a bush road, I carried the child on my back, while Mrs. O'Connor carried the umbrella, etc. Having met a large number of persons going out to work, we sat upon a log thinking from our appearance they would pass by without hardly saying a word to us, which they accordingly did.

We then proceeded on our journey and made our way through the woods to the place where the outlet of the canal was to be located, subsequently called By-town—after Col. By, Commandant Royal Engineers, and put up for the night at the little stopping place kept by Nicholas Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks received us very kindly and made us as comfortable as could be expected under the circumstances—shortly after our arrival, I had an interview with Col. By, who pressed me very hard to stay and gave me every encouragement to do so. He at once allotted to me building Lot No. 31 on the North side of Wellington street, then all bush and stumps. Mrs. O'Connor was so wearied with travelling and its discomforts that she was quite willing to give the