

situation where the wages of mechanics is enormously great it is health.

With respect to the preference of this or the upper province, I believe, that in either, all sorts of mechanics may do well—blacksmiths, joiners, carpenters, millwrights, bricklayers, coopers, shoemakers and tailors will succeed in either province. The wages of a good workman are 7s. 6d. per day. For farmers having a few hundred pounds to invest in land I think this country preferable to the other; such persons I would not advise to purchase wild land, they being quite unfit for the operation of clearing, which department should be left to the Americans; and since the price of farms thus partially prepared for cultivation is rapidly rising in Upper Canada this country is to be preferred by such persons. To all the greater, wholesomeness of this part is an important consideration, giving it the advantage over all the fertile regions in the United States as well as Upper Canada.

You are aware, perhaps, that a Company has lately been formed in London, called The Lower Canada Land Company,* whose object it is to facilitate Emigration to these Eastern Townships. Should any one wish to proceed to this place it is advisable to make application to that Company. They will afford him the safest means of remitting his money on paying into their hands any sum; he will probably receive from them a letter of credit addressed to their correspondent on this side; this letter will authorize him in presenting it here, to draw bills on the Company, which bills he may sell to advantage in Quebec or Montreal. This mode of remittance is safer than bringing sovereigns.

Mechanics tools are to be had I believe, in Quebec or Montreal, on reasonable terms; but it may perhaps be advisable that they bring some choice things of that sort if they are not very bulky. Warm clothing for immediate use, and good shoes and boots should be provided. The leather of this Country is very ill prepared.

Farmers will do well to bring a small quantity of grain for seed, wheat, oats, barley, beans, and peas.

Gardening has scarcely commenced in this country. All sorts of European seeds or fruit trees are therefore very desirable here. If any one is desirous of being near me, if he comes by Quebec, let him apply to the Honourable I. Hale, Quebec, who frequently hears from me and will gladly assist the enquirer with useful information and advice. Mr. H. is brother of Lady Dundas.

Having been told of the great salubrity of this country, you will not expect to hear that I have fallen into great professional practice. There are two medical men in the village.

(Signed) WILLIAM WILSON.

* "The British American Land Company" is the name by which this Company is incorporated.