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## ELD FOR EMIGRATION.

*Victoria Street, Bristol, during his recent visit to the Dominion of Canada, and which have appeared in the persons interested in Emigration; and as they contain incontrovertible facts relative to the country, soil, wages, facilities for the enjoyment of health, freedom, and happiness, it also affords advantages for the accumulation of wealth. A Letter is herewith appended from Mr. J. Wilkins, one of a number of Emigrants, who have gone to*

dollars per month. I hope none will come out who have no friends to go to, without they are willing to take such wages and places. If they come out with different ideas they will be very disappointed, but good servants soon get on and get better wages. The same hint would also apply to the agricultural labourer, &c. None must expect to get the top wages on arrival to commence with, but with perseverance they would soon learn the ways of the country, and command the highest wages. Since I have been in this city I have fallen in with two young men just returned from the free grant lands, in Muskoko, who have taken up 200 acres each. They informed me that the lands in the front are very rough and stony, but those who have the heart to go on a little further into the forest will find some of the finest land in the country. They have spent two weeks in that region, and say the new settlers are very contented, and better crops of potatoes, wheat, &c., they say they never saw. They also say they never saw any settler who was dissatisfied, and wished to leave, but they say hundreds go to this district and get frightened, and return home without seeing the country at all. These two men are going to return and settle at once. I am going on a few hundred miles further west up in the new country, and will write you again from the country of John or Bruce, and give your readers as true an account of the west as I possibly can.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,

JOHN W. DOWN.

Toronto, Canada, Nov. 4th, 1874.

### LIFE IN CANADA.

(To the Editors of the Observer.)

GENTLEMEN,—It is with pleasure I address you from this little enterprising village of the West, over 1,000 miles from the Atlantic. I first saw this village about 17 years ago; it then consisted of only some two or three shops, a tavern, a blacksmith's shop, and a few scattering houses; it now has about 2,000 inhabitants. I have spent five days travelling through this country—Huron and part of Bruce, and been over a country where years ago I used to hunt the wild deer, and found them then in this wild forest in abundance. How altered it is now, instead of a wild forest abounding with deer, &c., it consists now of beautiful cornfields and meadows, tolerably well stocked, and in a high state of cultivation, with fine buildings and young

good wages at this late season of the year. In all parts of the country the demand for servants (female domestic) is enormous. As a rule, general servants' wages are from six to nine dollars per month to commence with, board, &c., all found. Too many of that class cannot come to this country.

Since I wrote you last I have visited a district near Toronto where there are a lot of old homesteads for sale, and ascertained the reason they were for disposal, which I find satisfactory, and can, with confidence recommend any person who has a notion of farming, and who possess a small capital, to these lands, where they can buy a good 100-acre farm, in a high state of cultivation, with good brick house, barn, and out-buildings, with a bearing orchard, for 4,000 dollars; terms, half cash, balance by yearly instalments. In many cases less than half cash may be paid down. These lands are close to market and railway station, and the land as good as any in England. The taxes on such a farm as the above would not exceed £5 sterling per year. I have seen hundreds of emigrants from all parts of England, who have lived in Canada from 30 years down to two months, and, strange to say, all are satisfied. Not a complaint have I heard, or have I seen a man wanting employment who wanted work; but, on the contrary, I have seen many wanting hands.

As I am returning to England by this week's steamer, I shall at once publish a general report, and give general and practical hints, and I trust all intending emigrants will read it before they make up their minds to leave England. When all make themselves familiar with its contents and come to Canada we shall hear no complaint from this glorious colony. To show you the feeling of emigrants I give you a copy of a form I had printed, and is signed now by over 1,000 Englishmen. Not one person I have shown it to but signed it without hesitation:—

[COPY.]

"We, the undersigned emigrants of Canada, are perfectly satisfied with the country, and can with great confidence recommend Canada as a field for emigration to the working classes of Great Britain. Below we give our present address in Canada, and when in England."

This ought to satisfy any right-thinking man or woman that Canada is a good country. One thing I shall always feel grateful to the people of Canada for the way they have treated me on this tour. I have met with the kindest of treatment from all rich and poor.