

CHAP. VI.

SETTLER.

For purposes of colonization the province requires settlers. There is little or no complaint as between the lumberman and the *bona fide* settlers, on the contrary the evidence goes to show that the *bona fide* settler is welcomed by the limit holder, and assisted by securing a market for his merchantable timber and high prices for hay, oats and all other farm produce which he has to sell. The settler near a limits finds ready employment for his teams in the lumbering operations in winter at a time when he has little else to do, and the money earned in this way enables him to successfully tide over the most critical period of his existence. The *bona fide* settler has been treated with the utmost generosity and consideration by every government and he deserves it. Canadians have reason to be proud of the brave hearted, plucky colon who carves out a fortune for self and family by the strength of his right arm. Honest, sober and industrious the habitant will compare favourably with any class of citizen; elsewhere, neither must we forget the highest praise to the wife, who throughout all struggles, is at his side, sharing the hardest labour, saving by her thrift and encouraging by her strong confidence in the future.

The product of farm and field constitutes the solid basis of prosperity for our Province, and the colon of good faith deserves and receives the highest consideration of the legislator without distinction of party. His welfare is of universal interest. Our system of selling insolated lots over the Province without reference to their value has proved defective, and the province is dotted over with farms which have been partially cleared and abandoned, or lots, which, although occupied, barely furnish subsistence to the farmer. The system