

MAPLE RIDGE,

This is a comparatively little known settlement in our neighbourhood, that deserves to be better known than is at present, from the fact that there is within its settlement some of the very finest agricultural land in Carleton county, if not in the whole province, only wanting districts in New Brunswick. Many of the farms already surveyed, and laid out were originally settled by refugees from the neighbouring republic, who displayed their patriotism in defence of that great nation, when it was threatened with dismemberment, by running the gauntlet, and shouldered the axe here, instead of the musket at home. After the close of the war most of them returned to the states, leaving their farms, and unsettled liabilities behind them. These farms by some occult process of the law passed into the hands of private speculators, and may now be obtained on easy terms of purchase, and contiguous to these are lands that are still in the hands of the government, and which, we believe are open to settlers either under the Free Grants, or Labour Acts, in either case they are easily acquired and should tempt settlers from the old country, to try the advantages of settling in our province, in preference to the long, toilsome journey to the North-west, with its questionable advantages, in a comparative sense.

We have previously, in these columns pointed out the fact that this province is practically unknown in the mother country, from whence we ought to draw our agriculturists, and why publicity is not to the fact that we have large areas of

excellent farming land, to be given away almost, is a matter that surprises us.

Why dont the government employ some competent men to write fair, and honest descriptions of the various parts of the province that are open for settlement? and send such descriptions through the agricultural counties of Great Britain.

We could name a score of newspapers published in the farming districts of the old country, whose publishers we know, from personal experience, would readily insert any well written article, descriptive of this part of the great empire, to which they and us belong. Why cannot some of our leading men, who profess to have the welfare of the country at heart, see to this? such publicity is cheap, and easily obtained, and might be productive of great benefit to the country at large.

BEAUFORT.

We have always a warm place in our memory for this settlement, although our first introduction to it (midnight, a rainy one at that, with several feet of snow on the ground) was not of a very inviting character, yet we like to think of it as described by its founder, a land, flowing with milk and honey, (figuratively of course) and are always glad to mark any sign of prosperity and progress that may come under our observation, for that reason we are pleased to record the fact that Mr. Wm. Sayles, has recently purchased the farm commonly known as the Charlie Walton place, so that he now has two fine farms in the settlement. We hope yet to see a bright future for Beaufort, and shall always cheerfully lend our aid in furthering its interests in any way that we may be able to.

FACETIE.

PROGRESSIVE JOY.—He—"Aren't you pleased with the way my moustache is growing?" She.—"Yes, indeed! I am more tickled with it every time you call."

"Let's see," said the lady, "how many yards are here?" "Fourteen yards madame," answered the salesman. "Enough for a dress?" "Quite enough" "Then give me fourteen yards more." "For another dress?" "No, for the sleeves."

One day Johnnie Chalk,
Went up to the Hawk
To fish for a basket of trout:
He cast in his line,
But the fish made no sign
Of being inclined to come out.

Mrs. Rooney.—"Yez can take that sewing machine back where yez got it."

Mr. Rooney.—"O! thought it would p'ave yez."

Mrs. Rooney.—"It does not. I put your Sunday breeches in the top of it last night, and the sorra of a patch it's put on them in tin hours."

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