

## STATEMENT

Made to a SPECIAL COURT of the DIRECTORS of the BRITISH AMERICAN LAND COMPANY, held on the 3rd of February, 1836, by Mr. FREDERICK TEMPLETON, who passed the previous Summer in the EASTERN TOWNSHIPS of LOWER CANADA.

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I left Port St. Francis (about half way between Quebec and Montreal) the beginning of last November. The wharf erected there by the British American Land Company is a very efficient work, constructed of strong frame-work, well bolted, and to be faced with three inch planking; it runs 500 feet into the river, with twenty-two feet depth of water at the outer end.

The inn is very comfortable and reasonable.

Captain Colclough, agent to the Company, is an intelligent and agreeable man, always most willing to afford assistance and information, to those destined to the Eastern Townships.

The road from Port St. Francis to Sherbrooke is very good throughout, the distance 87 miles, and can be easily accomplished in one day. A light waggon with two horses, or a caleche with one, travelling at the rate of seven or eight miles an hour;—the worst part of the road is through the Seigniories to Nicolet about five miles. On the completion of the intended new road from Nicolet to Long Point, the distance to Sherbrooke will be reduced to 70 miles.

Shipton, about 58 miles from Port St. Francis, is very prettily situated in a fine country, and contains several well-built brick houses; that of Mrs. Wales, who keeps a boarding house and tavern, is as good as any of the kind in England; the charge being for one person two dollars (say 8s. 4d. sterling) per week; which includes four meals a day of the best description.

The country through which this road passes, after leaving Drummondville, assumes a varied and picturesque appearance, and is well adapted for all purposes of husbandry; it is thickly settled, and amongst the inhabitants are to be found many highly respectable families.