

paration for a removal thither, and returned to Vermont. In October 1800, he brought his wife and seven children—the latter all under fifteen years of age—to the new home provided for them in the wilderness of Dudswell.

A widowed sister named Chaffee, and her son, accompanied the family, these being the first permanent residents of the tract. Owing to the wretched state of the roads, their waggon was left at Derby, Vermont, and the remainder of the journey made on horseback through ways almost impassable from the mud, till they reached the Little Forks. Here there were a few log dwellings, and from this point, the line was indicated by marked trees alone. Their progress was necessarily slow, eight or ten miles being considered a day's journey of this manner of travelling. Several families of associates came on to the ground soon after this.

Business connected with the settlement of which he was the head and founder, required Mr. Bishop to be frequently from home; during which journeys he was often a sufferer from fatigue and exposure. On one of them made in the month of March, he was taken sick and lay ill at the house of a friend about 14 miles from home, till the following June, when, anxious as he said, to reach his home to die, he was carefully conveyed to the river St. Francis, and brought in an Indian bark canoe to within a short distance of the home to which he was with difficulty removed, and from which he never again ventured, though he lived till August.

This distressing calamity fell with overwhelming