

Black and red currants, gooseberries, raspberries, rhubarb, asparagus, cabbages, carrots, beets, etc., are all growing in the farm garden. Dawson's Golden Chaff last year gave thirty bushels to the acre. Oats this year (not thrashed yet) gave promise of fifty, and a field of red clover being raised for seed looks good for five bushels to the acre.

#### COST OF CLEARING LAND.

What is the cost of clearing the land? That varies according to the class of timber. On part of the Monteith Farm, where some of the stumps had to be blown out with dynamite, actual records show a cost of less than \$20 an acre for twenty acres. On heavily-timbered land, if an attempt is made to clean up at once, the cost may reach \$100. On the same land, if one waits for a year or two, until the stumps dry out, the outlay need not exceed that on the Monteith Farm. In some of the territory swept by the late fires the expense should not go over \$2 an acre in preparing the way for the plough.

#### A POOR MAN'S COUNTRY.

New Ontario is a poor man's country. I met a man there last week who had to leave his family in England because he had not enough money to bring the wife and children with him. He started five years ago on a bush lot, \$100 in debt; to-day he stands very nearly debt-free, and from now on his farm will maintain him and his family. He has accomplished all this by "working out" in winter and at odd times in summer and putting in the rest of his time on his own place.

His case is not an isolated one by any means. What he and others have done still others may do. Mines and lumber camps give profitable employment in winter, and at other seasons as well, and the farm crops produced bring high prices. A farmer near Monteith had two tons of hay to the acre last year, the surplus of which he sold at \$23 per ton. For his potatoes this same farmer received \$1.75 per bag, and for his milk he is paid 10c. per quart. Another farmer produces quite a lot of eggs, which he was selling last week at 35c. per dozen.

#### CONDITIONS EASIER THAN FORMERLY.

Of course the country is new—and rough. The houses are plain, all living is plain; schools are not always next door. But the people are all on a level, and the simple life can be more