April 10th.* — Returned, with my hired man Richard, and a load, with a horse and ox cart, from Montreal, forty miles, two days on the road, which is very bad, the frost not quite out of the ground — my loading all safe, consisting of the following items; a plough, 17 dls.—2 axes, 8s. each — harrow teeth — 8s. for a bush harrow, in shape of the letter A. —2 logging chains, 10s. each — 2 scythes and stones, 9s. 8d. — 1 spade, 3s. — 1 shovel, 4s. — 1 dung-fork, 2s. 6d. — 2 steel pitch-forks, 3s. 6d. each — 3 augers, 1, 1½, and 2 inches, 15s. — 1 bbl. pork, 20 dls. — 1 bbl. N. shore herrings, 5 dls. — 2 bbls. flour, 27s. 6d. each — 20 apple trees, and 6 plumb trees, at 2s. each — 16 gooseberry bushes, and grape vines, at 1s. 3d. each, amounting to L.21, 2s. 2d.

Put my apple trees, &c, into a hole in the garden got a good cup of tea, saw my horse and oxen well taken care of, and went to bed — thus ended the first day of my new mode of life.

April 11th. — My man Richard fed and watered the cattle — got breakfast with some difficulty, owing to the want of many things we ought to have got in Montreal; we had no frying pan, for instance — herrings superb being Sunday, went to church morning and afternoon.

April 12th. — Up at daylight — reprimanded Richard for being out too late the night before, planted my apple, plumb trees, &c., in what had been an apology for a garden — mended the fence round it — broke open our pork barrel, found it good — had some for dinner — knocked the spout off the new tea kettle, of course cracked before — worse off than ever for cooking utensils — borrowed a frying pan, and boiled potatoes for dinner in a forty gallon pot — 2 cows calved, and a ewe yeaned 2 lambs.

April 13th. - Got a supply of cooking apparatus at a

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