

not be difficult), to apply to some persons in the Town, who for the most part are able and ready to inform a stranger, who have lands to lease or dispose of, and the part of the Island in which they are situated. It will then be proper to go and examine the spot, or perhaps several, in order to make the best choice. There are many places to be had, where the farms front a navigable river, or a bay. In Winterbotham's History, before alluded to, is the following information, which will apply to this Island: "When a settler fixes on a spot of land, his first care is to cut down a few trees to build his log-house. A man can cut down and lop from twenty to thirty in a day, of the size proper for the purpose. These form the walls of the building. In general the log-cabins of this kind are such as half a dozen men will easily finish in three or four days (say a week) ten guineas worth of labour, thus employed, will lodge a family quite as comfortable as in the better kind of cottages in England."

Such log-houses may be enlarged, as opportunity will admit, or improved, by lining them with board, in the nature of wainscot, or lath and plaster; the outside covered with clapboards, and the roof with shingles; or, as the person is disposed, and his circumstances will admit, he may, in a future period, build a framed house, from sixty pounds to many hundreds, according to the size, and the manner in which it is finished: his first house may be then used for a cattle-house. When the person has his log-house finished, he will find it to his advantage to remove his family into it as early as possible, both for convenience and to save expence; and of course must lay in such necessaries as he thinks he shall want, according to the number of his family. He may form some estimate of a year's provision by the following prices, alluding to the Autumn of 1795: Wheat at 5s. per bushel; potatoes about 1s. 6d. per bushel; by a large quantity they have been bought for one 1s. per bushel; beef, mutton, and pork, from 3d. to 4d. per pound, according to the season of the year; fowls from 4s. to 8s. per dozen; ducks about 1s. geese about 2s. 6d. turkeys 5s. each: most people raise their own poultry. Spruce beer, and rum and water, are the general liquors that are drank here, except water and milk;