

after the 1st, whether on new or old land. I mean by *new*, land that is recently cleared and has never been cropped; and by *old*, land which has been cropped, then seeded down with grass, and afterwards ploughed up. *Spring* wheat should be put in from the 20th April to 15th May, and it is ready to be cut and harvested after the fall wheat is cut and saved. As regards crops, I may, in concluding this part, say that my neighbour Robert Patterson, jun. (there is another neighbour of the same name, though no relation, who is senior) has an extraordinary crop of oats this year. He calculates on having sixty bushels or above that per acre, and though this is a high estimate, yet the crop is the best I have seen, and he has nine acres of them. He is an industrious farmer, and has his place in good order.

My stock of cattle at present consists of two horses and a colt, one yoke of working oxen, three cows, three yokes of steers, of ages from three to one year, three young cattle, fourteen sheep, and some hogs. I have a well-finished log-house, lathed and plaistered in the inside, with a brick chimney, the house containing a kitchen and two rooms, besides the upstairs. My garden is at the side of it, surrounded by a picket fence. My barn is built of good logs, which, with a new addition to it, is ninety-six feet long by twenty-six wide, covered with shingles, and contains my stable. I have let out small jobs of chopping and clearing land at different times, and paid these always from the produce of my farm. I have chopped and cleared about eighteen acres myself.

The situation my land and the neighbouring farms are in I consider to be a very fine one, for from the nature of the ground it commands a fine view, and there is a good expanse of clearances to be seen all well fenced, and here and there marked with the comfortable "farm standings" of my neighbours. What a contrast there is between the appearance of the place at the time when the snow was falling down upon me when I was chopping my "shanty" logs, and what has been accomplished in the few years by the industry and perseverance of my neighbours.

As it may be expected I should state what the probable value of my property is now, I have made a moderate calculation (exclusive of my crops and farming implements, and household furnishing)