

journey from Michigan to New York is easily accomplished in six days.

In 1820, a Government Expedition was sent into the western country, for the purpose of ascertaining the natural advantages and productions. The report is highly favourable to the fertility and capabilities of Michigan. An extensive range of country upon the river and bay of Saganaw, on Lake Huron, is spoken of, in terms of high admiration, for the richness of the soil, and natural beauty of the scenery, and also as presenting uncommon inducements to enterprising and industrious farmers and mechanics, from its central and advantageous position for business. Saganaw Bay is about 60 miles in length, and 30 miles wide, with numerous fine islands. It is 180 miles west of Detroit. Game is mentioned to be very abundant, consisting of deer, bear, brown rabbit, or hare, weighing about 6 lb., partridge or grouse, pigeons, ducks, &c. *Fox River* is also specially noticed as highly desirable for settlers, in regard to quality of soil, beauty, and local advantages. It runs into the west end of Lake Michigan.

I made out a rough estimate of a supposed investment in Michigan, and having submitted it to the correction of competent judges, acquainted with the present state of the district, it may perhaps be useful to insert it, especially as it applies also to much of Upper Canada.

Price of 160 acres, at 1½ dollar, is	200 dollars, or £45	0
Expense of seed, labour, (say 150 acres), and rail fence, at 6 dollars	900 202 10
Harvesting at 2 dollars	300 67 10
Cost of dwelling-house, stables, &c.	800 180 0
	<u>2200</u>	<u>£495 0</u>

<i>Returns.</i> —Produce of 150 acres, (20 bushels per acre) 3000 bushels, at 1s. per bushel,	£675
Deduct	495
	<u>£180 clear.</u>

The dollar is taken at 4s. 6d. No allowance is made for maintenance, and it may be said that the expences are underrated. The above estimate, however, is given upon pretty good data, and as the settler will certainly repeat the wheat crop for at least one or two seasons more without any deterioration, and becomes likewise free owner of land and houses, he may afford to double or treble that item, or to take a smaller return per acre, or a lower price per bushel, and

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