

Q. Does this afford a fair prospect of maintaining them by their labour ?

A. Yes.

Q. What upon an average has been the amount of the advances you have been obliged to make to them up to this season ?

A. Upon an average about seven pounds.

Q. Is the value of their work equal to that sum ?

A. Not at the present time ; the lateness of the season, joined to a difficulty of finding out where the lands were which they were to clear, retarded them ; they were likewise employed in building a house, and they were obliged to cut the under brushwood for the distance of about two miles, to make a path to their work.

Q. Do you think that an honest and industrious emigrant, obtaining a job of this nature, and a lease upon shares of the land cleared by him for a term of three years or more, would have a fair prospect of supporting his family, and becoming himself ultimately a landholder ?

A. Yes.

Q. I believe you are yourself an emigrant, and of what country ?

A. Yes, I am from Scotland.

Q. How long have you been in this country, and how long have you been employed since your arrival here ?

A. I have been three years in this country in May last. I came out as a hired farm servant to John Neilson, Esquire, of this City, and resided with him in that capacity from the time of my arrival to the month of September 1819. Mr. Neilson, to oblige me, had previously sold to me at a moderate rate, a farm at Valcartier, upon which there was no clearing, of three arpents in front, upon thirty in depth, where I now reside. I subsequently obtained from the Commissioners of the Jesuits' Estates, in the month of November, 1819, in common with nine others, a lot of ground of three acres in front, by somewhat more than thirty acres in depth, in the fifth concession.

Q. Is this the same fifth concession which is mentioned in the Statistical Table which you laid before this Committee ?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the description of persons who have so settled in the fifth concession, what is their country, and from whence has been derived their means of subsistence since they have established themselves at Valcartier ?

A. All, but one Canadian, are emigrants from Scotland and Ireland ; five of them are Irishmen, four of them Scotchmen : they arrived here chiefly in the year 1818.

Q. Have they all a fair prospect, by industry and honesty, to