

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting the Sixth Annual Report to the Stockholders of the Elgin Association, the Directors would acknowledge the goodness of God in continuing to give health and prosperity to the settlement at Buxton; and would return thanks for the measure of success which has already attended their efforts in improving the social and moral condition of those who have settled on the lands of the Association.

Another year has passed, and with it the experience of the steady and persevering effort of the coloured population to improve their social position when placed in favourable circumstances. The past year has been one of a trying character. Cast wholly upon their own resources for their temporal support, with a short crop the preceding year, and the price of provisions nearly double what it formerly was, notwithstanding these disadvantages, they have maintained a steady persevering effort to clear and improve their farms; and have manifested a more fixed determination to raise from the soil what will support themselves and their families, without going abroad to work, a part of the year, for money to purchase the necessaries and comforts of life. The pressure, instead of discouraging, has stimulated to greater exertions; and the result has been, that nearly all the settlers have made a steady advance in clearing and cropping. In wheat alone, the quantity sown this year is double what it was in any other year that is past; and as the statistics will show, there has also been made considerable progress in clearing and improving. The quantity of land clear and under fence is 827 acres, besides 216 acres that have been chopped down, and will be ready to put into fall and spring crops. Of the land cleared, 180 acres have been sown with wheat; 340, with corn; 50, with