

tween 3 and 4 dollars a barrel. Beef has been as low as 34 per lb., yet servants' wages are as high as ever, ours stand us in \$40 per month and the washing done out of the house. It is a sum which ought to maintain a regular family. \* \* \*

[81st Letter]

YORK, FEB. 1st, 1821.

My Dearest Brother

\* \* \* My annual labours commence this day which is the first Parliamentary dinner, the House met yesterday and by direction of the Governor the Commons chose their speaker. His Excellency meets and speaks to them to morrow. The Upper House dine with us to-day \* \* \* I hope, without expecting, a short session, for the increase of population has nearly doubled the representation and the Legislative Councillors have experienced an equal augmentation, discussions may be therefore expected.

[82nd Letter]

YORK, APRIL 17th, 1821.

[Private]

Cold and snow, ague very prevalent.

[83rd Letter]

YORK, JUNE 24th, 1821.

[Private]

[84th Letter]

YORK, AUG. 15th, 1821

My Dearest Brother

Our young friend Mr. William Robinson, brother of the Attorney General \* \* \* The intense heat of weather for nearly the last fortnight has been almost too much to endure \* \* \* I feel to-day all the effects of a night more resembling those I have passed in Alexandria, Egypt, than the general climate of Upper Canada. The drought has been equal to the heat but we shall be rewarded for our discomfort by an abundant harvest of the finest grain housed without even a shower; the great addition to our population by numbers of hungry emigrants will furnish consumers of this overflow of bread-stuff for in that alone our abundance consists. The duties levied on provisions from the States leaves us at the mercy of the Butchers who are strangers to that virtue.

I wish you could see our garden, it abounds in fruit and vegetables of the very best kind \* \* \* the alarming indisposition of our darling Sam [the Jarvis baby named after his grandfather, Rev.