

possible. I handed him my pocket book which contained a little over four hundred dollars, and I took a corner seat in the car. When the conductor came in,—the car was rather cold for there was a poor fire—I found myself in a very grumbly mood over the condition of the car. I stuck my ticket in the ribbon of my hat, with the large characters "Good from Detroit to Toronto" showing, and in the bustle, the conductor looked at the ticket and passed on. We took our train at Hespler. We came forward and at another station, I was sleeping, or so near sleeping that I did not wake up and the ticket in my hat carried me through till we came to Weston. I was ready at Weston to fight my way through under any condition. Just as I was prepared for the fray,, another man precisely in my position, with whom I had no association, was claiming his rights forcibly. I took the ticket out of the ribbon of my hat, and as he did not interfere with me I passed quietly on and got my right. When I came to Toronto, I passed \$400.00 into the Bank of Toronto, for 68 cents on the dollar, this being the value of American paper money at the close of the Civil War.

I was then on my way to my home in the Township of Arron, in the County of Bruce near Owen Sound. My wife, whom I had left with her mother from the first of May until the present date, drove my own horse and cutter with her baby girl in her arms, to meet me, from Arran to the old home in the Township of Artemesia, where, at my brother's place, we met. On our return home we occupied the home of her brother, who possessed one hundred acres of land in the suburbs of the village of Tara, which I purchased from her brother whom I left behind with the younger brother, in Muskegon, to continue their work until a later date. That brought me in contact with farming for myself, which I had never done before. I had a farm at that time of about thirty-five acres cleared, the balance in bush, excellent soil, but new and rough. I applied myself very vigorously to the task, and blessed with good health, I was very successful. I chopped and cleared twenty acres upon that farm