

sure lament not having wherewithal at command, or comeatable, to enable me to make a still larger investment at the present time; for it certainly does not require for any of us here, on the spot, to be gifted with any depth of prophecy, to foretel that ten or twelve years hence, when my youngsters have reached manhood, it will be quite *une autre chose* as far as price goes. In short, you in England can have no notion, as brother Jonathan would say, of the manner in which we are *progressing*, it is neither at the pace of walk, trot, or gallop, but downright *racing*. You will however, say that I have no cause to blame fortune, having refused near 50 per cent. profit for some of my purchase; but, as I have already seen many who could not resist the temptation of such offers, sell and repent, and that too, before three months had elapsed; and as the rise in value of all lands in the province is now, I think, put beyond a doubt, and as I trust I am not *now* likely to be driven to it by necessity, I have determined not to part with an acre, but rather to increase my stake, if at all practicable. I hold it to be altogether a folly, to suppose it to be indispensable, *as regards Canada*, that a man should have been brought up to agriculture, to ensure him a fair share of success. All you may have read will have told you, that it is only within these few years, that this province has began to emerge from a state of nearly universal forest; and although an emigrant may now, according to the capital he brings out with him, invest it, either in partly cleared, or wholly uncleared lands; still, as yet (and more particularly this season) want of labour compels him to confine his operations within certain and moderate limits; so that, if he has the common share of brains, and applies them, as he will see others around him do, and if he moreover looks out for a *good* example to follow, rather than a bad, or indifferent one, and he will, as everywhere else, meet with some of all sorts here, he cannot go far wrong. The main requisites are, sufficient capital to stock well, clear and crop his lands, industry, patience, and attention to business, oblivion of the nonsense and fooleries he may have kept where he came from, and a fixed determination to be pleased, and to please others, and to rest contented in the society of his domestic circle, with the abundant fare that a rich soil, fine climate, and the return of seasons will yield to his hands. With these requisites, and adopting this line of conduct for his guide, I do not hesitate to pronounce that a man is as sure of success as any man can be sure of anything in this world; and this too, without the drawback of that everlasting care and feeling of despondency, with dread of the future,