

satisfactory manner. There are constant advertisements in the papers, on the part of government, respecting the disposal of crown lands, both in the way of private sale, through the medium of its several agents dispersed through the province, and also by public auction. The usual condition is to pay with interest by four yearly instalments. Mr. McDonnell is the government agent at Peterborough.

If you get land through either of these channels, you will remember, that it is what we call bush land: that is, in a perfect state of nature, and covered altogether with full-grown trees; so that before an acre of it becomes productive, there must be serious labour and expense incurred. When we commence any new undertaking, of whose nature and difficulties we have had no previous experience, and therefore can form concerning it only vague and imperfect ideas, we naturally ask the opinion of persons who have themselves trod the same road. We derive, however, if we stop there, little benefit from our inquiries, for the more we multiply them, the more various and contradictory will be the opinions we receive. What seemed a trifle to one was a load to another; what one considered an amusement another hated. We should not, therefore, be satisfied with a bare opinion: we should ask a detail of the labours, and the difficulties, and the advantages, and then there will be some probability of our deciding whether we are fitted to enter on the proposed undertaking.

A person who removes into the bush has certainly a great deal to do, or get done; and the females and younger branches of his family are likely to endure many privations, and perhaps suffer what, when compared with their previous experience, may be justly considered hardships. Still there is a limit to all this. The sun which had before cheered them with the comforts and conveniencies of life may remain for a time beneath the horizon, but it *will* rise; and industry and perseverance, if united to prudence and correct conduct, will not, cannot fail in Canada, of their proper reward.

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