

roughly despised, he disposed of his beautiful estate at Somersworth, near Lake Winnipissiogee, and prepared himself and family for a new home in the wilds of Canada.

In thus persisting in a step fraught with such fearful responsibility as was that of compelling them to share a life to which they were wholly disinclined, and for which they were totally unfitted by habit or education, some of the inherent qualities of this husband and father's character were exhibited; which consisted in an earnestness of purpose which seemed but another name for obstinate perseverance; an unbending will that would yield nothing of self-supposed and self-appropriated right; and an impatience of contradiction or opposition in the pursuit of a favorite project, which carried all before it. Many of the troubles of his after life were traceable to the developments of these very traits.

On becoming joint proprietor of a township of land, Mr. Austin visited the premises, erected a log house and made a commencement; and, when he came in with his family, was accompanied by a number of men hired for the purpose of clearing land. They proceeded to chop and burn the timber on ninety-five acres, at which the smoke was so thick as for a time to obscure the sun, and great fear was felt lest their house should be burned; but by effort this calamity was prevented, and the land, thus cleared and prepared immediately, that same season yielded one thousand bushels of corn.

It is said that he came to Canada with an abundance