

first beginning of what, as will be seen in the sequel, has turned out to be a state of prosperity. I had then about 250 dollars, including what wages I earned in the country before I settled in the bush. I was then single, and depended solely, as I do still, on my own exertions. I chopped during that winter, and when the spring came I got my chopping logged up, and sowed four bushels of spring wheat, and other crops, and planted some potatoes. About new year's day, 1835, I bought a cow for eighteen dollars, and a yoke of working oxen for sixty, and this same yoke I continued to work with for five years, and then sold them for eighty dollars. I paid an instalment in 1835 on the 150 acres, which was about seventy-five dollars, being at the rate of 2½ dollars per acre. I have now the land all paid for, except about twenty-two dollars and some interest.

In the summer and fall of 1835 the Canada Company got the main road to Goderich turnpiked, and I wrought on it for near four months, and saved money by the job. I still kept what is familiarly called "bachelor's hall," and I milked my own cows. The case is altered somewhat, for the cares of a married man, besides those attendant on an improving farm, are upon me, but my comforts are increased, and I am happier, and I manage matters so that I have generally my crops sowed and reaped, and in the barn as soon, and I may say, without any praise to myself, if not sooner than my neighbours, and they, to give them their due credit, are not idle, but industrious.

I have now near or about fifty acres of cleared land, and it is all laid out in fields of 6½ acres; and availing myself of the running water or creek on my farm, I have it in all my fields, except one, and that one is not destitute of water either. I must say that my land is good, but there is as good land on my neighbours' farms. In the above clearance is included above five acres of newly cleared land, which is sometimes also called "fallow," (a term applied also to old land broke up, and made ready to sow fall crops in,) on which I have already sowed my fall wheat for next year.

My crops this year consist of fall and spring wheat, oats, barley, peas, and potatoes, besides about twenty acres in hay, and pasture