

He appeared to be an uncommonly shrewd sensible man, looking sharp after every thing. When we met, he was travelling to New York, to make purchases of goods for the season, and, *inter alia*, two or three additional coaches. The influx of emigrants at present to Michigan is quite remarkable. Seven steam-vessels ply from Buffalo to Dedroit, and the decks have been swarming every day since the navigation opened for the season. Mr Stackhouse is convinced, that, for many years, a home-market will be found among the new settlers for all the Michigan produce.

Land-offices are established in various situations, where the settler may provide himself with a farm at the usual rate of 5s. 7½d. per acre. Should he chance to fancy one in some favoured spot (most of which are already secured along the great road for 300 miles through the country), he will have little difficulty in procuring it for 12s. or 15s. an acre.

Michigan is not yet admitted into the union as a state. Intelligent settlers consider this to be no disadvantage. The expense of their public works, as roads, bridges, jails, court-houses, &c., are defrayed by the General Government, in place of being assessed upon themselves; and although they cannot boast of one or two members of Congress, their interests are sufficiently watched by a Delegate, who resides at Washington for that purpose. Mr Stackhouse describes the scenery as in many places highly romantic. The timber consists of black walnut, elm, beech, oak, hickory, sugar maple, &c. The produce of the land runs from 25 to 50 bushels after one bushel sown of wheat, Indian corn, &c. Turnips are likely to succeed well, also beet and mangel wurzel. Prices of stock, &c. seem to be much the same as in Canada. Horses cost from L.18 to L.22, 10s.; oxen from L.15 to L.18 a pair. Mechanics are establishing themselves wherever demand for their labour is found. The lakes and rivers abound with fish, as trout, white fish, bass, &c., and game is plentiful. The Indians are found in the more remote parts of the country, but they are perfectly harmless, and seldom come near the settlers.

Such is an outline of the account I received of Michigan,