

Q. Has there been any and what increase within the period alluded to ?

A. There has been an increase of sixty souls ; there are twenty houses and upwards. The increase of stock is not very considerable. There has been four hundred acres of land cleared and clearing.

Q. Did you act as agent for any individuals who contracted for the clearing of land there with emigrants ?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. What is the number of emigrants, and the members of their families, and when did they arrive, and from what country came they ?

A. Four men, three women, and four children, of the age of seven years ; they arrived in the month of November, from Ireland ; they were three Protestants, and one Catholic.

Q. State minutely and particularly out of what fund, by what means and in what manner these individuals have been provided for, and what the nature of your duty as such agent was ?

A. The Gentleman who employed me, had, as I understood from him, been requested by the Emigrant Society of Quebec, to give to each of these four heads of families a job of ten acres, upon four several lots, to clear and fence, for four Gentlemen in Quebec, who had undertaken to employ these individuals for this purpose, in consideration of the Committee of the Emigrant Society obtaining from the Commissioners of the Jesuits' Estates a grant of these lots. My duty was to see that these individuals worked faithfully, and to take care that they should be as little in advance as possible ; to communicate from time to time with the principal respecting their wants, obtain supplies from time to time from Quebec or within the settlement, distribute them amongst them, and keep just and true accounts.

Q. How were the purchases made ?

A. The pork, which is the most expensive article, was purchased by the barrel at the wholesale price, the flour was bought in the market, and the fish from the wholesale dealers.

Q. At what rate did these several articles stand to them ?

A. At three pence the pound of pork, fish fourteen shillings a quintal, flour ten shillings and six pence a quintal, peas four shillings and six pence a bushel. These costs constituted the whole amount of the advances, except bedding and blankets, which were also purchased at the lowest prices.

Q. What was the amount to be paid to these emigrants, upon the fulfilment of each of their jobs ?

A. Thirty pounds.

Q. Could the whole or what proportion thereof be earned during the winter season ?

A. One half thereof could be earned during the winter season.