

sociations of home had come to a close, I returned to my duties in Owen Sound, and finished my course satisfactorily with my employer. On receiving my liberty, I went to the old home to look after matters, and found waiting for me the job of putting a roof on the barn for one of the old neighbors. This I accomplished, earning one dollar per day and board.

Here, I might bring forward more clearly perhaps, the situation or locality,—the geography if you like,—of the County of Grey in the Province of Ontario. We had no railroads in those days in that section of the country. The first railway in Canada was the one to Allandale and Collingwood from Toronto. It was being built the year 1847. Another road was built through Grey county, called the Toronto and Sydenham. On that road for three days, at different times, I travelled forty miles per day. I have walked all the way from the City of Toronto to the towns of Southampton and Port Elgin on the banks of Lake Huron.

My next movement was the contract of completing a house in the Township of Proton, not far from the old home. It was the adjoining township. When this was completed, I had a call from my brother-in-law in the village of Arkwright in the Township of Arran, for the construction of a dwelling house for himself and family. I removed to that section and commenced my operations on this building, and continued it for some months until I completed my task. My brother-in-law, being a teacher, thought it wise, with myself, that I should attend school with him for a time, so that I might better equip myself for life's activities. At that time my mind was inclined to the ministry; my friends wished me there, and it was necessary that I should have at least a little better acquaintance with the language that I was likely to use, and I saw and felt my need, hence I willingly undertook the pleasurable task of going to school for the most of the winter, to my profit. My early chance of schooling was very limited. Leaving Ireland at ten years of age, having spent some couple of months or three in the Township of Albion at school,