

a pair is the price for working oxen, according to size and age. Cows are sold at from 4*l.* to 6*l.* each, and young beasts in proportion. Very little trouble or labour is required in the raising of cattle in this country, as they are left to brouse in the woods, where they find plenty of food, and thrive remarkably well. Sheep are not yet numerous, the wooded lands not being adapted for them; but as the country becomes more cleared, they will increase. Some manufactories of cloth are already established, and wool is in good demand at 1*s.* 8*d.* a pound. The new Leicester breed, and its crosses, will be the kind required, and, if imported, would soon repay their cost and expenses.

Religion, in this country, is entirely free from restraint. Every man is allowed, in this respect, to think as he pleases, and to attend what minister and what place of worship he may choose to prefer. So long as he conducts himself in obedience to the laws, which are precisely the same as those of England, he is at liberty to act as his conscience may direct. Our persuasion is very numerous, and I have been happy to learn that some of the most industrious and respectable settlers belong to it.

Wherever my business has led me, I have found friends and acquaintance; and it has been a great satisfaction to meet many of my old neighbours, whom I had known long and intimately, before either they or I had thought of crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Old country people form a great proportion of the inhabitants, and their numbers are daily increasing. It is with gratitude I mention the kindness shewn me in every part of the country through which I have travelled. I have been made welcome in all places, and have never wanted a meal or a lodging.

I remain, dear Brother,
Yours, affectionately,
RICHARD BEILBY.

(Signed)

TO MR. JOHN BEILBY,
Benton, near Burlington,
Yorkshire.

On reaching Quebec, you should proceed immediately, by steam-packet, to Montreal; from thence to Prescott, you will travel partly by land, and partly by boats on the River St. Lawrence; but, in all cases, prefer the fastest mode of conveyance, notwithstanding the increased expense. From Prescott, a steam-packet will bring you direct to York, where you will hear of me. My expenses from Montreal to this place, with my daughter, amounted to 4*l.* 10*s.* but I have since learned that I could have come up for half that sum. The Canada Company have contracted with the proprietors of the packets and river-boats to have their settlers forwarded at very low rates; and any person is allowed the advantage of this arrangement on depositing with the agent, at Quebec, a sum sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the company. Besides the saving of expense, the passengers, by this means, are secured from all risk of being imposed upon along the route. As the expenses of living are not much greater here than in England, and as there are no taxes whatever, I feel confident of the correctness of my former statement, that no man, if honestly inclined, can fail in securing a comfortable livelihood and independence for himself and his family.

(Signed)

RICHARD BEILBY.