

- Q. 16. Do they increase faster than the other population?
 A. They have within the last five years.
- Q. 17. Of what description are they generally?
 A. Principally from Ireland and the north of England. The Irish are the greatest number but not as landholders.
- Q. 18. What proportion of them from Europe are Landholders?
 A. I suppose about two thirds—they generally obtain land after going to service about twelve months,
- Q. 19. Are not there some who have been in the Army?
 A. Very few, with the exception of the Drummondville Settlements.
- Q. 20. Where are the people from Europe principally located?
 A. They are mixed with the American Settlers in Hatley, Compton, Eaton, Ascot, Shipton and Melbourne, and a few in Brompton and Hertford.
- Q. 21. Are the Americans or Natives above twenty-one years of age chiefly proprietors
 A. Yes, they are; even the sons before they are twenty-one are proprietors, having, as they call it, bought out their time from their Father, and become settlers on their own account. The emigration from the Townships in the Westward has ceased, and emigration from Vermont and New Hampshire has taken place into the Townships—about seven or eight years ago as much as twenty-three families on the banks of the St. Francis, Oxford, Ascot, Brompton and Stoke emigrated to the Ohio County.

Mr. Silas Horton Dickerson, of Stanstead, Printer, called in and examined:

- Q. 1. Have you resided long in the Townships on the Waters of the St. Francis?
 A. Six years.
- Q. 2. Have you had opportunities of becoming acquainted with the sentiments of the people of that country in relation to the public affairs?
 A. I have.
- Q. 3. Have you travelled through the Townships generally?
 A. Yes, throughout most of them that have inhabitants, excepting on the Ottawa.
- Q. 4. Could you enumerate the Townships on the St. Francis that have above one hundred soul?
 A. Yes; beginning with the highest number, the first is Stanstead, Barnston, Hatley, Compton, Bolton, Shipton, Eaton, Ascot, Potton, Melbourne, Grantham, Brompton, Orford, Durham, Kingsey, Wickham, Windsor, Dudswell, and Hereford; of the others there are eight who have inhabitants, but their number do not exceed from thirteen to one hundred souls.
- Q. 5. Do you suppose that the census of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five is erroneous in regard to the Townships, and in what parts chiefly?

A.