

dollar per acre. I began to chop and clear the ground for spring crops. My means were but scant, for the money I had being 60 dollars, I paid on the lots to the Canada Company; and what was required for provisions, till I had my own crops, I obtained by my labour. When the above main road was turnpiked in 1835, I wrought on it and saved money, as did many others of my neighbours. There is, therefore, now since that year a good road all the way to Goderich.

I have now about forty-five acres of cleared land, which produce good crops, and I am clearing four acres more this year. I have built a log-house, the logs of which are all hewed, or "flatted," and the roof is covered with shingles. I built, also, a log-barn, but this year I have got raised, and expect to have completed before winter, a large frame-barn, 62 by 40 feet. It is now so far finished that my crops, as far as yet saved, are in it. It is an advantage to have a large barn, and, if possible, a frame one, to hold all the crops. They are generally constructed to include in the building a place for horses and cattle, and if raised on a slope, (as mine is,) and where part of the ground can be excavated, so much the better, as the divisions for cattle, &c. can be all under where the grain is, and also under the thrashing floor. This barn when finished I can safely value at 500 dollars, but to me, and to others who are farmers; who perform part of the work, it will not cost this *in cash*, as the excavations, and many things connected with the building, I have done myself; but the value above stated I think is correct.

My crops this year consist of fall and spring wheat, oats, peas, barley, potatoes, and turnips. My crops are good, and the field of oats I am now saving is a fair sample. At a moderate estimate the value of my crops may be 240 dollars, and in this I have not included the hay grown on eighteen acres. My land I would not sell for less than 2500 dollars, and it is worth it, for the situation is good, and it is well watered. I have paid to account of the price of the land to the Canada Company, since the first payment, about 160 dollars, which makes 220 in all. My stock of cattle at present consists exactly of the following:—5 milch cows, 1 yoke of working oxen, 1 odd ox, 1 yoke of three-year old

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