

again until the next fall, when they would return home (bellowing as they came) rolling fat; the owner in many cases not knowing his own but for the mark. Occasionally some speculative individual would mark his flock by taking both ears off about mid way. This was called "Rogues mark." Whether or not this was the reason for choosing this mark, it is hard to say; but it is feared that with the lost half of the ear many a poor man's means of identifying his animals had disappeared, and as there seemed to be no special mathematical problem at stake, the ear was frequently taken off very close to the head.

The first settler at Mt. Albion was N. Robertson. Eight or ten years later Thomas Murphy settled about three quarters of a mile further on. Mr. Murphy informs me that he got the boards for his first house sawed at Lund's Mill, near Johnston's River, had them hauled around by Lukes' Corner (now MacKenzie's) and along the Lot 48 Road to Jenkins' Hill. This was as far as a cart road went, there being only a foot path the rest of the way which led through to Monaghan Road. Mr. Murphy carried the boards on his back to his house which was about one and one quarter mile distant. He also tells me that he has often seen Irish women who lived on Monaghan Road, ten or twelve miles distant from the city, walking to town and returning the same evening with perhaps fifty to seventy-five weight of provisions on their back. This work was often left to the women, as the men were generally absent from home, spending most of their time in the woods, lumbering.

Farming was done in the most primitive way. Potatoes and grain were put in with the hoe; grain was cut with the reaping hook, and later the scythe; hay raked with hand rake; grain threshed with a flail, and I think we can say what perhaps no others in the province can, that mostly any stormy day in winter on approaching Mr. Murphy's barn you can hear the measured beat of the threshing flail at work. Mr. Murphy is eighty five years of age and still adheres to the original method of farming—cutting grain with reaping hook and scythe, and raking hay with hand rake. I received considerable information about the way wool and flax was manufactured; but as Senator Ferguson has already treated that subject with much more ability