

roads were excellent, and the country along the way looked remarkably well. While much of the land is cleared and highly cultivated, a good part remains yet to be occupied by the farmer. The inhabitants, from the appearance of their houses and barns, their oxen and horses, seem to be in a flourishing condition. In every direction, we saw fine fields of barley, oats and hay, with many luxuriant patches of potatoes: the season promises to be a good one. About twenty-five miles from Sherbrooke we came to a village named Cookshire, which, for beauty of position, we have not seen equalled in this country. It is built upon the western slope of a fine and fertile vale of several miles in extent, through which flows a considerable stream, a tributary of the St. Francis. This district was early settled by New Englanders, and has to this day an unmistakable American character and appearance. There is a Church of England Church in the village, the incumbent of which, we were informed, is a Scotchman from Aberdeen, whose antecedents belong to the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. So far as we could learn, there is only one resident Presbyterian family in this place. Passing through this beautiful country, we enter, after a drive of a few miles, upon the Township of Bury. The land here rises to a higher elevation than that through which we have passed. The bush becomes more dense, fewer clearances are seen, and stumps everywhere hold their place in the fields. Nevertheless, it is a good land. It rests upon the altered rocks of the Upper Silurian. The rock is everywhere slaty and friable, and cannot fail to make fertile soil. The post-tertiary drift deposit is chiefly a fine sand and gravel, with bands of clay; the whole topped with a rich vegetable humus. These lands will yet, we believe, teem with people. They are fifty per cent. better than much of the land which in Scotland is wrought with great labour and little profit to the farmer. The people at home who are spending their days in thankless and thriftless toil, with a God-fearing desire to live an honest life, have only to be brought to these wood-tenanted districts to renew the face of nature, and to fill their broad acres with a happy and thriving people.

Our road to the village of Bury was remarkably good—better by far than most part of the more western roads over which we have passed. But we now come to newer settlements, and but recently opened bush land. Travelling in a north-easterly direction, we enter the Township of Lingwick; most part, if not all of which is held by the American Land Company. This Company was set on foot in England many years ago as a commercial speculation, for the purpose of establishing settlements on lands acquired under their charter. They originally owned an extent of country in this county about ten miles square. The land is well timbered and watered. The soil is, for the most part, very good. We have seen no country so like the hills and dales of Scotland as this is. We rather think the Company's speculation has not yet, so far, proved a very profitable one. They have not lately made much effort to obtain settlers. Several of those who once occupied lands and were in process of clearing them, abandoned them on account, as they conceived, of the hard terms imposed by the Company and have since settled on Government lands farther to the East, which, though in some respects less advantageous, could yet be obtained on easier conditions. The policy of the Company which gave rise to these complaints was speedily altered; and now, we believe, there is no part of the country in which good and accessible land can be obtained on easier or more moderate terms. The plan of the Company is to sell, to actual settlers, lands at so much per acre, to be paid by yearly instalments. When the amount is paid, a deed is granted, by which the settler becomes the absolute owner of his farm. We trust that when better times come round some further effort will be made to bring out Presbyterian settlers to these tracts. Our Church might in this way be greatly enlarged, and our principles be made to leaven the populous communities who will ultimately inhabit these waste places.