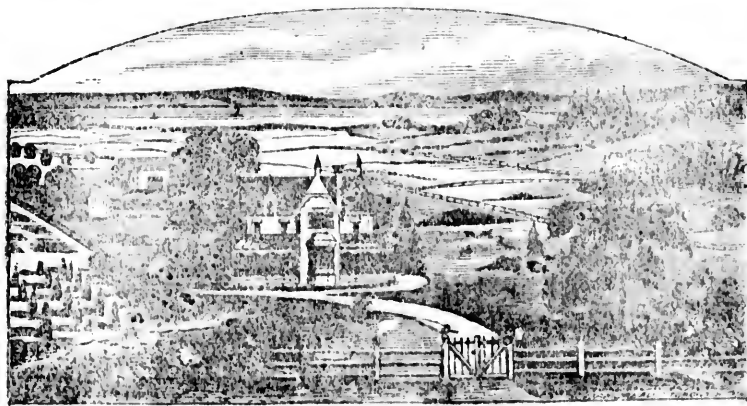


work proceeds. More pains ought to be taken with the bottom tier. It would be unreasonable, perhaps, to expect the laying of a stone foundation, though it would be the wisest policy imaginable; but, surely, good solid blocks, on end, might be let into the ground, in order to prevent that chronic evil in log-houses *settling*.

In travelling through the newer sections of this country, one observes a great difference in the log structures. Some are contracted in size; composed of rough, crooked, gnarled logs; the ends wretchedly hacked, and projecting irregularly; the ceilings low; windows very small; roofs made of bark; and if you enter them, you will find they have earth or, as they are more appropriately called sometimes, "dirt" floors. Others are spacious; made of straight logs, gradually decreasing in size toward the eaves; the ends cut *squarely*, and the corners finished true and square; the ceilings high; windows of good size; roofs neatly shingled with either short or long shingles; and inside, you will find a good floor of sawed, and, perhaps, planed lumber. It may be urged that many settlers have neither the means nor the skill to manage all that is desirable; but, generally speaking, by arranging an exchange of work with some skillful neighbour, the most important points might be secured. Elbow and head room, airiness, neatness, and workman-like appearance, might surely be achieved from the outset. Even though a bark roof and a "dirt" floor must be borne with at first, they might soon be exchanged for shingles and planks. Sawing and planing are not needed about the exterior of a log-house; with the axe alone a good woodcutter will make very smooth, neat, and handsome work.

#### THE FARM IN GOOD ORDER.

Gradually but surely the work of improving a new farm goes forward, until it is astonishing what a change is brought about in a few short years. The wilderness is transformed into a fruitful field. One by one the stumps have rotted out, and given the plough free scope to work. Inequalities in the surface of the land have become smoothed down, and almost the only evidence that the country is new, is furnished by the rail fences. The log-buildings have given place to structures of frame or stone. A garden has



been laid out and stocked. The small fruits and fresh vegetables plentifully supply the family table. An orchard has been planted, and brought into