

that every farmer should take the *Instructor*, and pay for it; read it carefully, and get his family to read it also; and after each number is carefully read by all the members of the family, file them carefully for future reference.

### Chat with the Old.

There is something connected with reminiscences of over half a century ago, especially when connected with a Province like New Brunswick, calculated to break into the enchantments of the present, and lead us to ask, how did the early settlers of this country subsist?

The other day, while in company with Mrs. Chappell, widow of the late Bill Chappell, Esq., of Bay Verte, now on the borders of ninety years of age, the conversation turned upon the state of this community seventy years ago. Mrs. Chappell's recollection is good, and her other faculties are strong; though she laments that she "cannot see to read the Bible." Mrs. Chappell arrived in Bay Verte when there were only four families in it, while at present there are over one hundred at the head of the Bay; and there was not more than twenty families in the parishes of Botsford and Westmorland, while at present there are over six hundred and twenty.

Seventy years ago, the only roads were mere foot-paths through the forests, or the shores of the sea and rivers; no bridges spanned the streams; saw mills and grist mills were few and far between; a wheeled carriage in those times was unknown. The horses' back was emphatically the only mode of conveyance. Mails, post-offices and newspapers were among the unknown. Log houses covered with the bark of trees, were the principal edifices.

Still, says Mrs. Chappell, the few scattered inhabitants lived comfortably easy, enjoyed good health, without being troubled with dyspepsia or any of the modern diseases that are so fatal to society.

Another of the marked blessings of the period referred to, is, there was no litigation, consequently few lawyers; and as to hoops, the women, for ladies and gentlemen were unknown, never thought of wearing them.

A very instructive work might be compiled from the *unwritten* facts, that the aged inhabitants of these Provinces are able to afford, concerning the hardships and difficulties encountered by the first settlers in the different, now thriving localities, in these Provinces. Such a work would show, by contrasting the past, say, seventy years ago, with the present, the capabilities of these Provinces to sustain a large population.

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