

The settler, having now a house over his head, commences the clearing of a sufficient quantity of land, to raise the annual supply of provisions required for his family.

The following is the method in which land is cleared:—The brushwood is first cut down close to the ground, and piled in heaps, as it is cut; next come the sap-lins, or young trees, to the size of six inches in diameter; these are cut into short lengths, and laid on the brushwood. Such timber as may have fallen, by age or accident, on the space to be cleared, is then sought out; the stems of which are chopped into lengths of 11 feet, and the lops and tops piled with the brushwood, &c. These operations performed, he may set about cutting down the large trees. They are chopped at about two feet and a half from the root; and the stem of each tree is cut up into lengths of eleven feet. The limbs and tops are cut into short lengths, and packed on the brushwood heaps. When the whole of the large trees, on the ground to be cleared, are disposed of in the manner just described, the brushwood heaps, as soon as sufficiently dry for the purpose of burning (which, in the summer months, is the case in a fortnight,) are set fire to. During the process of burning, the heaps must be attended to, and the ends occasionally pushed in, in order that the whole may be consumed. After this has taken place, the ground is ready for what is called *Logging*. This is performed by a yoke of oxen, with chains to fasten round the ends of the stems, (reserving such as will split into rails), which are drawn together, and piled up in different heaps. Three or four men are generally required to attend this work. These last heaps may be immediately set fire to, if the weather be dry, and likewise require to be watched by a man, who is to push in the logs, as the centre becomes hollow. After all is consumed, excepting the lengths intended for rails, the ashes are either spread out on the land, or collected for the makers of potash, who give about four-pence per bushel for them. If the cleared ground is sufficiently near to a potash work for transport, the price given for them there, nearly cover the expense