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"Nelson, November 14th, 1830.

"Sir,

"I write these lines to you, hoping to find you in good health, as it leaves us at present, thank God for it. I am happy to state that we are in a good country for poor folks; we have plenty of good fire and grog—wheat 4s. per bushel, good boiling peas 3s. 6d.—rye 3s.—buck wheat 2s. 6d.—Indian corn 2s. 6d.—oats 2s.—potatoes 1s. 3d. We are not in the habit of raising much barley, nor beans. Rum 10d. per quart—good whiskey 7½d. per quart—brandy 1s. 9d.—port wine 1s. 3d.—tea 3s. 6d. per pound; we make our own sugar out of maple trees; we make our own soap and candles; bake good light bread without barm. Beef 2d. per pound—mutton 2d.—pork 2½d.—fat geese 1s. 6d.—best fowls 1s. 3d. per couple. Wages 5l. per month and our keep; we dine with our masters. Women 2s. 6d. per day, and good keep. Price of land is about 1l. per acre near the roads; some back is cheaper. We have no poor rates nor taxes of any consequence. We hear of war in France, and a new king in England. I see in the paper the great lamentation of our departing from Chapmanslade, more need to rejoice. We three rothers have bought 200 acres of land, at 12s. 6d. per acre, 125l.; we have paid 25l. and we have got to pay 100l. in five years, that is 20l. a year, between three, that is 6l. 13s. 4d. each, and pay off in 5 years; it is in Nelson, district of Gore, with a pretty good road to our lot, only nine miles from the Lake Ontario—a good sale for all grain—a grist mill, and a saw mill within about 25 chains, which is a great advantage. A good river runs right through our lot of land, and good springs rise on it, we shall never want for water; we have several adjoining houses, chiefly of English people. We shall never want timber nor water. We can raise up a good house in a little while, at little expense; we have thousands of tons of timber, and good stone for building. It is called the healthiest place in Upper Canada;