

"As the various heights mentioned belong to points more prominent than the country surrounding them, it may not be giving too low an estimate of the general elevation of the Laurentide Range in Canada to call it from 1,500 to 1,600 feet. The surface which the range presents is of a mammillated character, its hills being worn *by glacial action* into round-backed forms, in general thickly clothed with wood, the prevailing trees on the summits being evergreens, in some parts chiefly pine, and in others spruce, while hardwood sometimes abounds on the lower elevations and in the valleys."

There is a notable contrast between the *weather-worn* hills washed bare, of the *timber-ridden* scribe of the Emigration Department, and the truthfully scientific description of Sir William Logan.

Let me give you a concise history of a township on the Laurentian formation. Its centre is thirty miles from market. It was granted, saving a few lots, to U. E. Loyalists before 1820. It was all sold, saving a few lots, for taxes in 1831, and again in 1843. It is plain the U. E. Loyalists thought as little of it as the Glengarry politician did of his ancestral home in the Scottish Highlands. A large Irish emigration had poured into the township before 1851, and at the taking of the census in that year it contained 410 occupiers of land, or heads of families, who had under cultivation 7,691 acres, or 19 acres to every family. The number of acres "held,"—a euphuism admissible where it could hardly be said of these squatters that they "owned" the land,—was 45,17±. In 1867 the number of occupiers of land was 822, and the numbers of acres assessed, 73,227. A large quantity of this land was bought on easy terms from the speculators who purchased at the tax sales, and of so little value was it deemed that I think I may safely hazard the assertion that not one of these titles has ever been impeached. This township, it will be observed, contains twenty per cent above the average number of rate-payers in any township in Ontario. I once heard a member of the Provincial Assembly berate the condition of the settlers in this