

wife here, during her father's lifetime, excepting in very rare instances. A good farmer makes up a farm for every son he has in this way, or by purchase, and often sees them all settled around him on their own properties in his lifetime. Children deem themselves bound to work to their fathers like indented servants, until they attain the age, the sons of twenty-one years, and the daughters eighteen, at which periods they are free, and may act for themselves. This practice prevails; but whether by law or custom, I know not.

As every farmer who emigrates to America goes there with a view of bettering his own condition, or that of his posterity, I would recommend to all such as have but small property, to engage in a farm on shares, before he undertakes to sit down and clear land of his own; he will thereby be furnished with as much clear land as will support his family, will become acquainted with the management of Oxen, handling the axe and implements of farming used in that country; and if he has industry, and tolerable management, he can raise stock enough from his proportion of the produce of the farm, to enable him to occupy lands of his own, on which he and his posterity may sit in ease and affluence to the end of time; and if he fixes in either New Brunswick or Upper Canada,