

My improvements on the lot now are as follows: I have rather above forty acres of cleared land, and I have besides ten acres more chopped, brush burned, and about half of it now ready for a crop of fall wheat to be put in at this time, the rest of it when cleared will be put in, if I am spared, in crops next spring. I have this year crops of fall and spring wheat, oats, peas, barley, potatoes, and turnips, besides about fourteen acres in hay, which I think will fully average a ton of hay per acre, and about five acres in pasture. My stock consists of 3 horses and a colt, cows, 1 yoke of working oxen, 3 yokes of steers of different ages, heifers, calves, and 20 sheep, with 9 very large hogs,* and 21 less in size. The log-house I have enlarged, making some additions to it, and covered it with shingles, and I have built a log-barn 62 x 30, and covered also with shingles, (shingles are thin pieces of split pine laid on the roof, similar to, and as a substitute for *slates*, as in the old country,) and I have some out-buildings. With my family's help I have cleared for some of my neighbours about twenty-five acres of land, which enabled me to furnish many articles which I needed, as well as provisions, when we required such till the land produced them. As I have alluded to my family, I may state that we had seven children when we came, and two since, and the eldest is now about twenty-one years of age, and is working this season, as he has been before, out at the harvest. I hand you herewith a specimen† of the cloth my wife got woven last year from our own wool, and this year she has carded above 66 lbs. of wool, from which she expects sixty yards of good common cloth, all woollen, without any mixture, and it will be striped and checked, the yarn having been dyed.

The land I have is good and well watered, there being a creek and springs on it. I have succeeded as well as I expected, and I consider the value of my stock and farm, at a moderate calculation, above 1400 dollars, in which is not included my crops or

* In the part of the country I came from, sheep were called *hogs*, and I thought it odd at first to hear the name of hogs in this part given to *swine*.

† The specimen of the cloth may be seen at the Office of the Canada Company.

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