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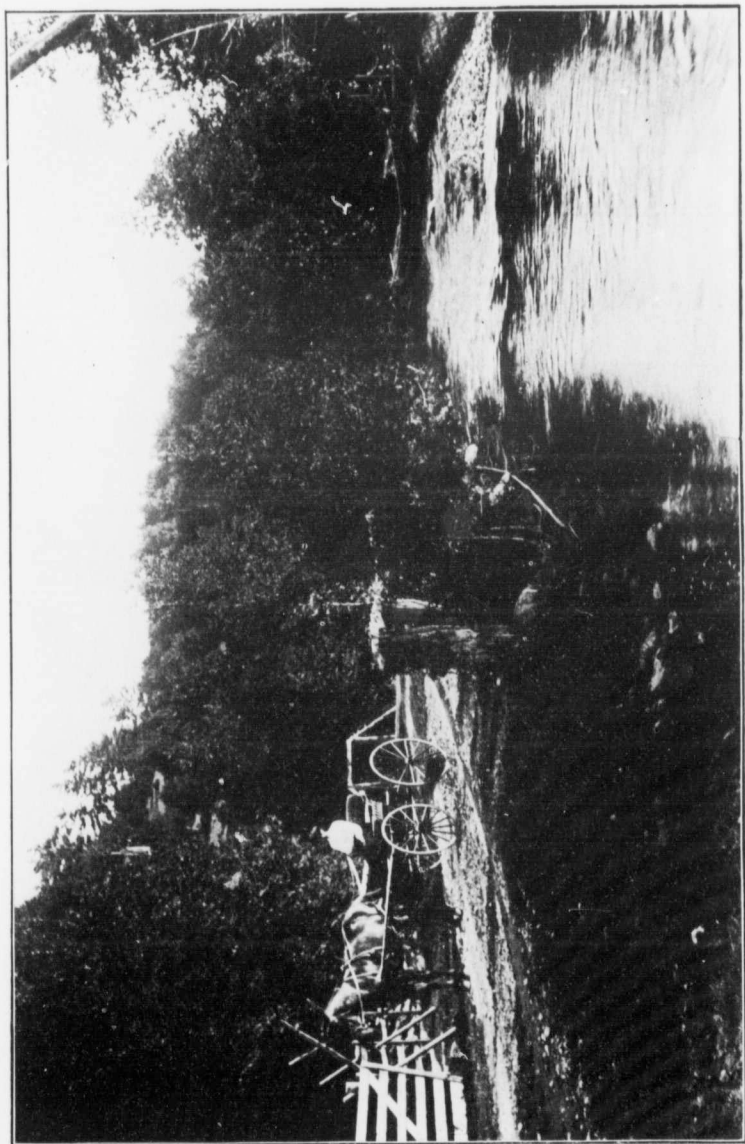
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**A Personal Letter**



A Residence near Grafton.





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## MOVING TO CANADA.

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*To those seeking New Homes in the Chief Colony of the British Empire.*

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SIRS :—I beg leave herewith to write you a descriptive sketch of this District of the Province of Ontario from a private and personal standpoint, with a view of trying to induce some of the many "well to do" families that contemplate a removal to Canada, to settle in the older parts of the Country where comfortable homes can be secured at moderate prices and where the advantages of a well settled community, with schools, churches, good roads and congenial society compensate for the cheaper land in the pioneer districts of Ontario or the Northwest.

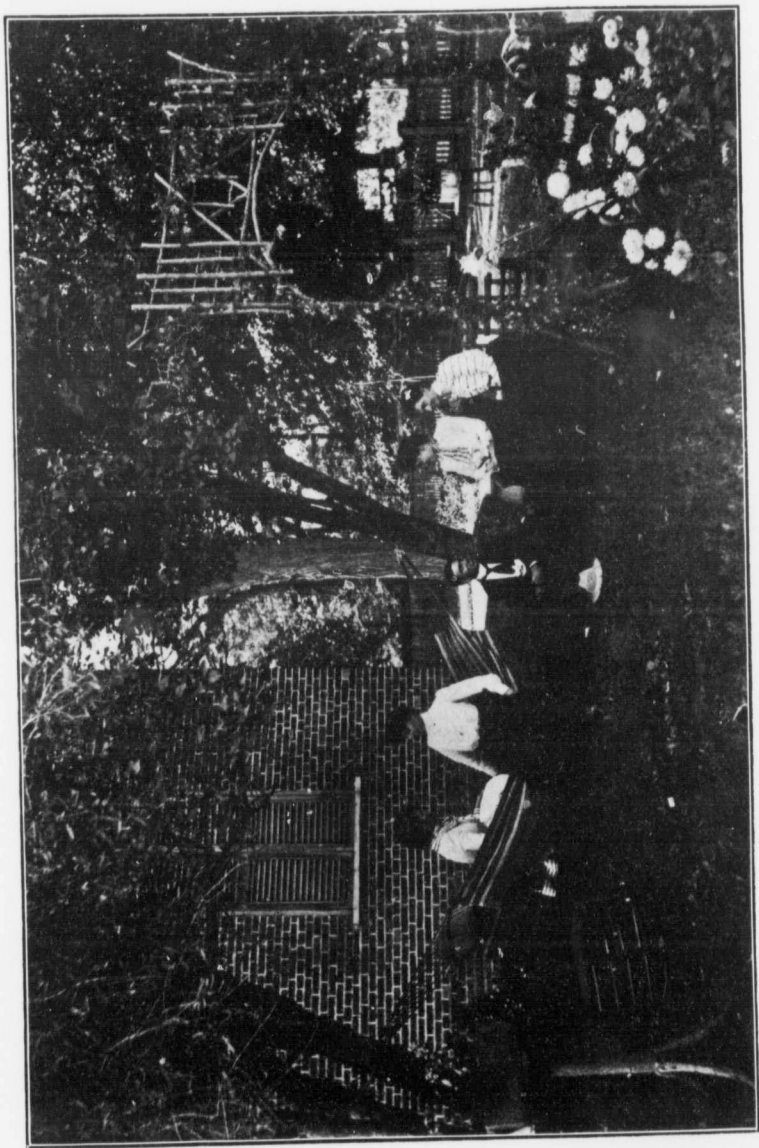
I know whereof I speak, for I have had considerable experience in the early days of Manitoba during frequent trips in which I assisted and advised many of our people whom I considered qualified for the task, and to whom for various reasons a change was desirable, to remove and make a new start in the great land of "illimitable possibilities," but I feel that it is doing a kindness to many to warn them of the serious nature of taking one great step, without intermediate experience, from the very heart and centre of the Empire to the extreme outposts of the same.

I represent four generations of the same family that have carried on farming on the property where I now reside. I therefore may be considered a true Canadian and one that does not wish to sell out, and whose only object in writing this communication is to promote the cause of good fellowship and prosperity in what I know to be one of the most desirable, healthy and pleasantly situated districts of our Fair Dominion.

My occupation is mixed farming, but I may add our chief attention is given to the growing of apples for the English market, for which this part of the country is extremely well adapted, and nearly all the farms comprise orchards and plantations of different varieties of fruit.

We are here situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, midway between the cities of Kingston and Toronto, and my residence is only ten minutes' drive from Grafton Station, on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, and about seventy miles from Toronto, the chief city of the Province of Ontario.

Our village, which is seven miles from Cobourg, the county town, with which we are about to be connected by an electric tramway, comprises all that is necessary in the way of shops and offices for family



Garden Scene at Grafton.

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supply and for postal, medical and electrical requirements. Among the various religious organizations here, the Church of England was the first established, and we now enjoy the advantages of a well-appointed Parish.

For educational advantages, we have an excellent public school with a Collegiate Institute at the County Town; and at the town of Port Hope, fourteen miles distant, is situated Trinity College School, a preparatory to our Diocesan University, and conducted on the lines of the celebrated schools of Rugby and Eton in England.

I will attach hereto for the information and consideration of interested parties, a limited descriptive list of properties that I know can be purchased at the prices named, and if gentlemen of means or those possessing moderate incomes, and desirous of supplementing the same by farming, fruit-growing or poultry-raising, will write or call upon me, I will be glad to devote considerable time in assisting them to secure desirable selections, for purchase or rent. Satisfactory reasons can be given in all cases for these properties being offered to the public for sale. The amount of taxes paid in 1902 is the total tax on said property for all purposes.

As household and farm servants are very scarce in this county, I would advise parties to bring with them such as they require, and an additional number will find ready employment.

I have asked the Rector of this Parish to kindly add his testimony to the foregoing.

With best wishes for the welfare and progress of our Dominion and the Empire in general, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

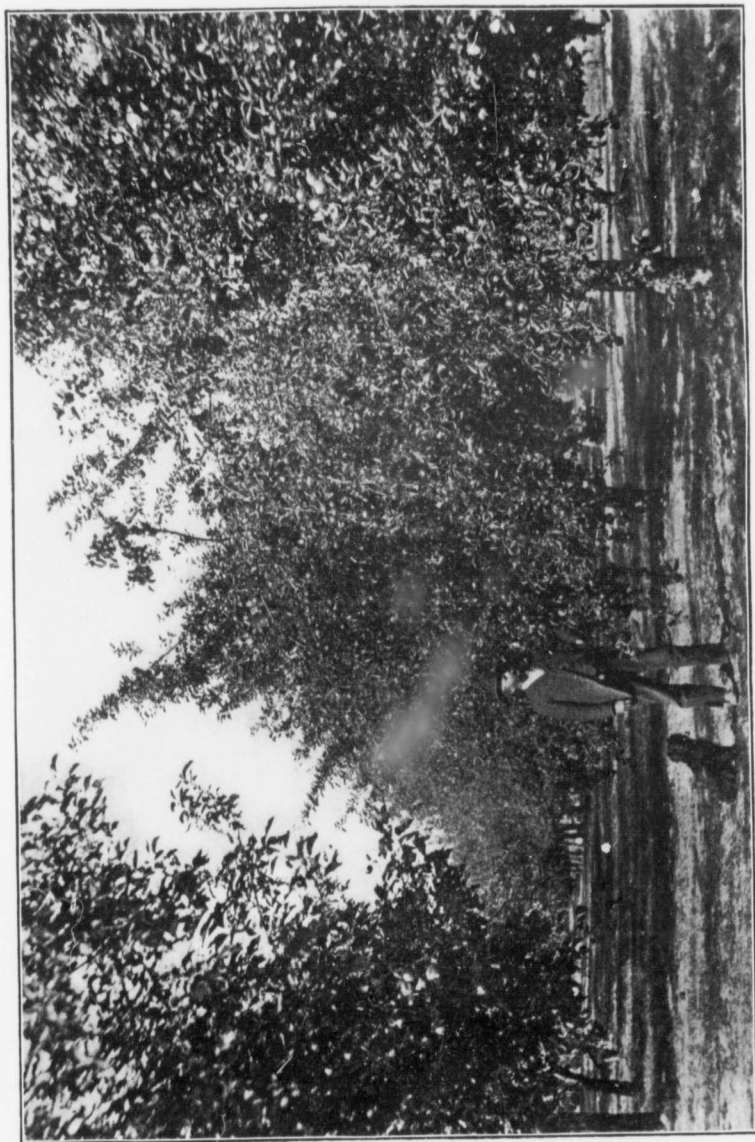
(Sgd.)

R. Z. ROGERS.

Grafton, Ont., March, 1903.

GRAFTON, March 13th, 1903.

Sirs:—Most heartily and unreservedly can I endorse the statements and claims made in the above paper of Col. Rogers. It has long been my firm conviction that the best settlers for the Northwest are our Canadian young men and the farmers qualified by experience to work to advantage larger holdings than are now here available, and that the places left vacant by them in Eastern Canada could be, in part at least, advantageously filled by settlers from Great Britain. One cannot live long in this country without learning from many painful examples how unfitted the average Englishman is, especially the English gentleman, for roughing it. Let him make a start, however, in these older parts, where he will not be discouraged by uncongenial surroundings, and success will follow.



Col. Rogers at Home Among the Apples.

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Here where not only the aspect of nature, but the life of our people, especially in its social and religious characteristics, will strike the incoming Briton as most homelike. While the chief part of the tide of promiscuous emigration is pushing to the extreme West, we shall welcome most warmly the advent of English families; they with us and we with them might develop here an almost ideal community.

In St. George's Church they would find a home, and from us all receive the right hand of fellowship.

I am,

Yours, etc.,

(Sgd.) CHAS. H. BROOKS, B.A.,  
*Rector of Grafton.*

#### DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF PROPERTIES FOR SALE AT OR NEAR GRAFTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.

No. 1 A RED BRICK HOUSE and 12 acres of land one mile from Grafton Station, G. T. Railway and situate on the old coach road from Kingston to Toronto. House 30x40 with good out buildings, all in good repair, stands on high ground with fine view of Lake Ontario. Good garden and fruit plantation. Very well adapted for a poultry farm. Price £300, which is only about one-half the original cost of the house alone. Total amount of taxes paid during 1902 was £2:7:0.

No. 2 A WHITE BRICK HOUSE with 28 acres of land only a short distance from above. A very good apple orchard of about 100 trees, and an excellent garden; a good trout stream across the premises. Price £600, easy terms of payment. Taxes paid 1902, £2:19:0.

No. 3 A FINE 200 ACRE FARM 6 miles from the railway station. The house is of wood, but very suitable for its purpose. The barn is an excellent one, and the horse and cattle stables are of stone work, built only two years ago. Price £1000; a very cheap property. Taxes paid 1902, £10:5:9.

No. 4 A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE OF RED BRICK adjoining the Village of Grafton, with 16 acres of land, buildings all in good repair, very suitable for poultry. Considerable fruit on the premises. Price £600. Taxes paid 1902 £2:3:2.

No. 5 HOMEWOOD HOUSE, a large two story family residence of red brick, main building 36x46, extensions 20x30 and 25x45 feet, with stables and offices complete, spacious verandahs. A beautiful situation, about 10 acres of lawns, garden and pleasure grounds. A special service of excellent spring water carried over the house and grounds. Telephone connection. This property is not for sale, but can be leased for a term of years. One and one quarter miles from railway station. Taxes about £6:10.

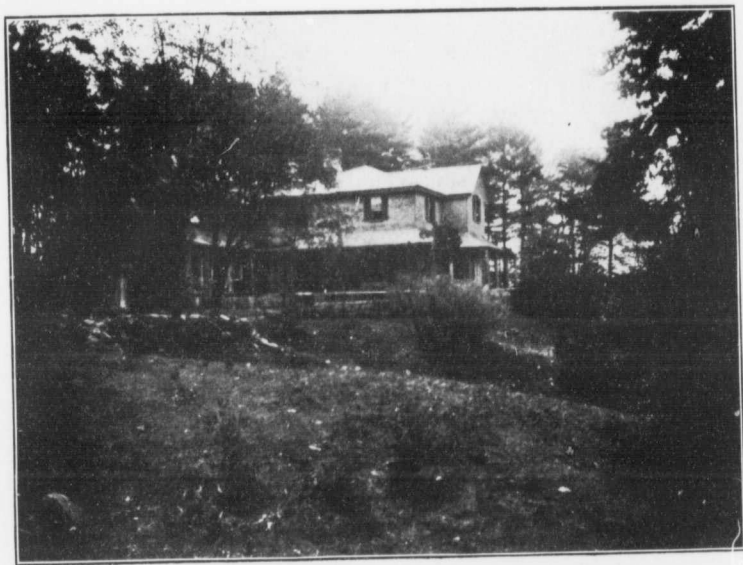
No. 6 A GOOD FARM with brick house on high commanding situation. 230 acres of land, one and one half miles from the Grafton Post Office.

Barns and outbuildings in good order, also two separate tenement houses on the premises. Price £1320. Taxes paid 1902 £11:4:10.

No. 7 AN EXCELLENT 150 ACRE FARM in good order. The house is of brick 30x40, two stories with kitchen extension, and all the stables and farm buildings are in good condition, is one mile distant from the last mentioned property. Price £1000. Taxes paid 1902 £9:4:6.

No. 8 ON THE LAKE SHORE, half a mile from the Grafton wharf, 200 acres of land, 30 of which is still uncleared. The farm house was recently burned, but the barn remains. Price £925. Taxes paid 1902 £4:1:2.

No. 9 A 2 STORY BRICK HOUSE 30x40, with 10 acres of land, on which is a good orchard, of 250 apple trees. Also a large garden which is stocked with choice varieties of grapes and other small fruit. Price £650



Residence of R. W. Stanley, late of England.

No. 10 SHERBROOKE FARM, 137 acres very pleasantly situated on the Lake Shore, half way between Cobourg and Grafton. Price £750.

No. 11 ON LOT 13 Concession A, Hamilton Township, 48 acres of land and good brick house and outbuildings. Fruit orchard of apples, pears, plums and cherry trees. Price £950.

Besides the above list I am constantly learning of others and similar properties that may be arranged for if desired. The list of illustrations herewith published are fair samples of what may be met with throughout the district, and there are many others of a similar character throughout this Province.