



A Letter from Canada

We have been favoured with the sight of a letter written to his uncle at Codford St. Mary, in this county, by Charles Badder, who, with his father and mother, and his brothers James and William, had emigrated to Upper Canada, and settled in the township of Tilbury, about nine hundred miles distant from Quebec, where they had each gratuitously obtained an allotment of about a hundred acres of land.

The writer says, that he is very comfortably situated, and earnestly requests his relatives at Codford to come over, and procure similar allotments of land contiguous to his own. He goes on to say, that he is master of a horse and a stable, a milch cow, three breeding sows, and a boar, and that he has killed six fat pigs during the late winter. Fowls and game of all descriptions are said to be plentiful, the latter being free to all. Labouring men obtain 2s. 6d. a day in the winter, and during the harvest 5s. a day and their board. Brandy is 6s., rum 4s., and whiskey 2s. a gallon; tea 3s. 9d. per lb; wheat 2s. 9d. per bushel; pork 5s. per score; and butter 7½ d. per lb. They make their own soap, candles and sugar – the latter being procured from the maple-tree and raise their own tobacco. Clothing, however, is spoken of as being very dear, and parties coming out are advised to supply themselves amply with that essential material, and not to forget to lay in a stock of cabbage and onion seed. Taken as a whole, the prospects held out to persons disposed to emigrate to that part of the world are highly flattering – a man being there enabled, by the exertion of honest industry, amply to supply himself with all the necessities of life.

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Marriage Notice in Newspaper previously:

Married, by Licence, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, by the Rev. W. Dampier, previous to their emigration for America, Mr. Charles Badder of Stockton, to Miss L. Dench, of Codford St. Peter.

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