

## G L A S S V I L L E

As some account of the present state of this little Presbyterian colony may interest the readers of the "Colonial," we may suppose a visitor setting out from Woodstock to see it. He would proceed by road, or by boat in summer, for about 12 miles up the St. John river, landing on the Eastern bank; pursue his course inland up the Beccaguimac for three miles, till he come to the junction of this river with the Coldstream; and then further inland, in a north-easterly direction along the last named stream for nine or ten miles, till he reached Farley's Mill, the threshold of Glassville. Farewell for the present to good roads. In a few years the roads in Glassville will be as good as any in the Province, but in the meantime they were well fitted to try the patience of our [traveller], and the temper of his [waggon] springs. He may now advance for seven or eight miles through the settlement. On several of the lots no improvements have been made (some indeed are not yet applied for), so that the road runs at intervals through the forest, but here and there our traveller's eyes are sheered by clearings varying from four or five to sixty or seventy acres. Log houses are on most of the lots where there are clearings, and before he has got far from the mill he notices one adorned with a sign board, which acquaints him that the settlement enjoys the advantages of the Postal service. He sees a few frame houses, and on many of the lots large and commodious barns. Our friend will find the people very hospitable, and should he be in search of land, will find the young men obliging to go any distance with him to point out the vacant lots. If he has the good fortune to alight at Granny Miller's camp he will have a rare pleasure. In this humble erection he will see the stove as brightly burnished as black lead can make it, the deal table and floor as clean as if he were in a nobleman's kitchen. The worthy old lady would astonish him with her sprightliness, and tall muscular figure, and very likely bewilder him with her voluble broad Scotch tongue. She was about the first to enter these woods, and in consideration of her attentions to the settlers as they came on to take possession of their lots, we believe government has granted one in her own name. Mrs. M. is deservedly a great favorite with the [Glassvillians]. To return to our visitor: he will not have seen the whole settlement, in

driving through the road by which he has entered it. This is the main road, and East and West of it there are other two, each about two and a half miles from it, and parallel to it, lying North South. The lots are on each side of these roads as on the main one, so that the settlement may be stated as seven or eight miles in breadth, as well as in length. The middle road was first settled on, and is more advanced in improvements, and more thickly dotted with houses and clearings, but a large number of settlers is looked for by the arrival of spring. The few lots remaining will be settled on, and the East and West roads will soon present as cheerful an appearance as the older one. – There is no doubt that our supposed traveller would be much pleased with the land, and the promise of a thriving settlement, and we will take leave of him as he returns, carrying sway vivid impressions of the fertility of the soil, of the undulating character of the land, of its ridges and slopes covered with maple and other leaf-casting trees; of its vales filled with cedar and other useful wood; and of its abounding springs and streams of pure water. About two years ago the first settlers came in to this settlement, which was then unbroken forest, and frequented by none save the lumberer in prosecution of his precarious speculation, or perhaps the Indian on his hunting expedition. The immigrants have been gathered from widely distant places, some from other parts of the Province, some from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and the greater number from Scotland. They are altogether a superior class of immigrants, industrious and hopeful men, striving manfully with the forest for their living, and having expectation of comfortable and well stored homes. Surely here if any where health and plenty will cheer the labourer. – There are at present more than a hundred and fifty residents, but the number as already stated will soon be increased by the expected arrivals. Enquiries are still coming from the United States, England and Scotland, about Glassville, and so great is the demand for land, that an additional survey is expected in a few months. Mr. Munro, one of the members of the County who has secured the gratitude of the settlers, for his courtesy and efforts to advance their interests, hopes to obtain this additional survey. – *Cor. Colonial Presbyterian.*