

To find the road formed for a long distance,
the land still giving evidence, that man's
industrial hand, has been at work, homesteads
& stacks in all directions, passed by Gardner
& Mr Woodman, on our right land improving
the further from the river, so the left, was to
be seen the reflection of Lake Ellesmere, about
four miles distant the intervening land, being
all bought, & a great deal ^{of it} occupied.

We drove along for about four miles from the
river "steering" S. W. 1/2 E. when we came to
a road running N. W. by W. called Blackler's
road, so named because the owners name
of 700 acres on the south side of the road
& is Blackler, formerly a contractor living
near Chesh, his eldest son occupies a portion
of it 150 acres, this road (a chain road)
is half formed by the debris from a wide
ditch cut on the side, about 20 men are
now employed on the west end cutting it.

The "old boy" looking up fast; only, think!
why I declare, the old rascal, won't go, no you
may wip, his spine up, so out we got & led

^{him} To the end of our journey, Ah! well, so you may, &
evidently this proves it, you may lead where you
cannot drive." At the journey's end, what's the
time? Six o'clock. - not so bad, about 30 miles
in let me see 1. 2. 3, 4 1/2 hours travelling, well
done "old boy". He seemed glad enough, for he
brightened up, & changed his downcast look
to one of contentment, no doubt he felt faint.
We soon took him out, & unharnessed & fed
the "old boy". and then we began to feel the
cravings of fasting appetites increasing on
us, so we betook ourselves, to the house of
Mr Taylor, owner of the land & homestead
yea! all that is thereon is his.

Mr Taylor, has taken up his abode here about
18 months, & the "grass has not grown under
his feet," but shows, that the hand of diligent
maketh rich.

He has put up a nice room, timbered house, comfortable
place, & stables, six stacks of corn, land 200 acres
most of it fenced & about 1/2 broken up, the lower end
is very swampy, but as the fall is great, the
drainage will not be difficult.