

can remember; and they must have been common in the settlement for many years before my day. The earliest horses were brought from Detroit, of the small, hardy, Canadian breed. There were no sheep till shortly after my father erected his new house, about 1790, when he purchased seven head, at Mackinaw, and brought them home in a barge; and by carefully watching them, but few were lost by wolves, and they soon increased till they became numerous.

The early commerce of the country deserves a passing notice. The chief articles of export were, of course, furs and peltries, which served as the chief medium of exchange for the goods brought into the country. There was some considerable quantity of deer's tallow, saved by the Indians and sold to the traders, taken to Mackinaw, and some maple sugar; I remember that one year, about 1806, between Mr. Franks and myself, we sent to Mackinaw one hundred and twenty kegs of deer's tallow, weighing about 10,000 pounds. But as there was much sugar manufactured around Mackinaw,* not much was sent there to market; the Indians made large quantities as far back as I can remember. To the traders passing into the Indian country, cattle for beef were sold, sugar and tallow, potatoes and other vegetables. But the Green Bay settlement furnished no surplus of flour or corn, though the Indians had corn to barter with the traders. At my earliest recollection there were white potatoes raised at the Bay in large quantities, and the fields and gardens furnished peas, beans, pumpkins, melons, cucumbers, beets, carrots, turnips, ruta bagas, onions and lettuce in abundance. There was no buckwheat produced till quite recently. Of fruit trees, I well remember, in my earliest boyhood, that Madame Amable Roy had the only apple tree in the settle-

*From twenty-five to thirty years ago, when I resided at Lockport, in Western New York, I well remember, that large quantities of stirred maple sugar were brought into the country, made by the Indians in the Mackinaw region, and put up in small bark boxes, containing from one to several pounds each.