

John B. la Borde, Hardwick and half a dozen others,—but none of them had enough land to rank as farmers. Fronting them, on the opposite bank, were perhaps a dozen similar cabin patches. At Depere, on the east side, a short distance above the dam, and near the bank, was still remaining the foundation of the old Jesuit mission. It was in the immediate neighborhood of an old place afterwards occupied by William Dickinson.

When I arrived, three or four small farms were being opened on the margin of the bay, in the present town of Scott. I remember seeing the clearings from the deck of the La Grange, as we approached the Bay settlement, but I do not recollect the names of their occupants.

Augustin Grignon was located at the Kaukauna rapids, on the north side, below the present city of Kaukauna. He had a good sized farm with a number of cattle, sheep and horses, and traded with the Indians. His log house was a very comfortable dwelling for those days; he had a large frame barn, and about that time built for himself a spacious frame store-building.

The farmers whom I first met here, were, most of them, plowing with oxen. A pair of cattle, instead of being joined by neck-yokes, would have their horns lashed to a straight stick, to which were tied ropes fastened to the long rude beam of a primitive plow—a pointed stick serving as a share. The device was about as effective as a modern corn-row marker. In the slight furrow the seeds were planted, and subsequent cultivation, such as there was, left to the hoe. Lawe, Grignon and Porlier were the leading farmers, although none of them did much work. Judged by present standards, their establishments could hardly be called farms. These early settlers and traders were too lazy to fish or hunt, or enjoy any sport that would attract an American or English gentleman; but they were obliged to keep their eyes open upon the action of men inimical to their interests, and those inclined to unlawful appropriation of worldly goods.

There had been a school in the Bay settlement, I think, for two or three years previous to 1827, but I do not recollect