

Since it was some time before the roads were made most supplies had to be carried on their backs from Warren, or Verner. An oxen or horse was a luxury and made for easier ploughing and for getting around.

The wagon was a major help to these hardy pioneers. A buckboard, a plow (plough) and a harrow came later. When it came to harvesting the crop, the scythe and threshing with a flail were used. Seeds were often sown by hand and harvested by hand.

One man would spend a back breaking day with a 12-inch plow and get very little done. As the land was broken and acres cleared an urgent need for improved implements and new methods developed.

The age old problem of weeds was a constant battle, Pigweed, wild buckwheat, thistles, and stinkweed are names that we have heard of. At first you would buy oats for the horses and oxen or mules and it come in on the train from North Bay??

Another very essential item for the pioneer was some type of sleigh, sled or cutter for winter use. There were many homemade sleds, stoneboats, cutters, etc. The bobsleigh which was made up of two pairs of runners that supported two bunks making up what was called a "bob". Two "bobs" hinged together, one ahead of the other, made a vehicle for hauling a multitude of loads and was usually drawn by two horses. The cutter was used for the transportation of passengers and was drawn by one or two horses.