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Pioneers had Perseverance and Patience
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Patience and perseverance are two of the foundation characteristics needed in almost every successful occupation today. Especially is this true along agricultural lines. Fortune seldom comes to the farmer easily and quickly, but to the patient persevering one it comes surely and abundantly in time. It has generally been thus, but in pioneer days it was the experience of almost everyone.

Most of the pioneers in Western Ontario were handicapped in their struggle for success in their lack of capital and also experience in clearing the land. To them the days of affluence must have appeared a long way off but there was always the hope of some day being the proud possessor of a home and a home. But to reach that happy position there were years of toil and privation ahead of them.

Food and clothing were the two absolute necessities. Both to a large extent, had to be secured from the land.

Almost from the beginning a cow, a pig and two or three sheep gave them milk, butter and meat, but it was from the sheep that much of the clothing for her household was obtained by the painstaking efforts of the farmer's better-half. It was in