

troops were generally conveyed to the Upper Province in *batteaux**, from which they were often obliged to disembark when they had to encounter the rapids of the river. The hauling and poleing of these vessels against the stream, was attended with much labour. The clothes of the men employed on this duty were almost constantly wet. During night their accommodations were wretched. They slept cold and comfortless in the barns and out-houses of the settlers, which are widely scattered along the banks of the river. Sometimes, when overtaken by night, a fire was kindled in the woods, around which they stretched themselves till morning.

But winter, with its attending storms, offered greater impediments to a march than any other season. Vehicles to forward the baggage could not always be procured. For successive days the march was at times obstructed by the falling of snow; and the drifted state of this in the woods rendered it hazard-

* Small flat-bottomed boats.