

Niagara, into lake Erie. These locks, with every necessary work connected with this part of the navigation, will be finished by the 1st of July next, if the weather is commonly favourable.

When the navigation by this route shall be thus completed, timely notice will be given of the ascent of the first vessel that shall thus surmount the obstacle hitherto presented by the falls of Niagara, to the navigation between the two great lakes, Erie and Ontario. There will be collected, from streams and natural reservoirs in the vicinity, sufficient water to fill the Canal, so as to admit of this experiment; and, indeed, if the season is not unusually dry, the supply will even suffice for using the Canal to a considerable extent.

It has been already explained, in the last Report of the Directors, that, from the deep cut to the Grand river, the operations of the Company during the present year, will be confined to the making a feeder of the ordinary dimensions and depth of a boat canal; but constructing the aqueduct, and every thing beyond the mere general excavation, of the dimensions required for a schooner navigation. The difficulties against which the Directors have had to contend, have induced them thus to contract their work for the present, for fear of encountering the risk of being unable to meet their engagements, if they had proceeded immediately with the entire plan. The greater part of the excavation which will be necessary to enlarge the Canal, is of such a nature that it can be most advantageously done in the winter, when it will occasion no interruption to navigation. Public confidence will have been secured, by the junction of the waters of the two lakes having been effected; and it is not apprehended that there will be any difficulty in finding the necessary funds. In the mean time, it is satisfactory to be able to state, that along much of the distance between the deep cut and the marsh, the make of the land is such, that little or no additional excavation is necessary to convert the feeder into a Canal of the requisite dimensions; and wherever this can be done by a moderate increase in the expenditure, the Canal at those points will be made, at once, of the full dimensions. From the deep cut to the aque-