

River by a feeder of the same length. It has cost 1,299,000*l*. There are thirty-nine locks, which are one hundred and fifty feet long by twenty-six and a half wide, and have about ten feet depth of water in them. Between St. Catherine's and Thorold are found twenty of these locks, five of which have a fall of no less than fourteen feet, which were those we wished to see. In consequence of the valuable water-power afforded by the canal, manufactories are springing up along its banks, the most advantageous site being that between Thorold and St. Catherine's, where there is a fall of nearly three hundred feet. Large as was the sum this canal cost the colony, as in the year 1849 no less, I find, than 265,326 tons of shipping passed through it up and down (an amount of tonnage, since then certainly very much increased, if not doubled), it has paid well. People in England, from the contemptuous way it has been vulgarly the fashion to speak of the colonies, have been apt to fancy that Canada is very far behindhand the States in works of material progress. We had already seen enough during the short distance we had driven this day to prove the contrary.

To begin with the superb Clifton Hotel, then, there were the good broad roads, the well-cultivated farms, the rich orchards, the railway embankments, viaducts, and bridges, the flourishing villages and towns, and now, lastly, the magnificent locks of this wealth-bearing canal. St. Catherine's has, as yet, a straggling, unfinished appearance, as have all the towns in Upper Canada, as if the houses had not yet got accustomed to each other's society. It contains nearly four thousand inhabitants; and, as there are seven or more churches, it is to be hoped that they are a God-fearing people. A town-hall,