

With the survey of the St. Lawrence closes the examination of our leading and more important navigable communications. There are, doubtless, other objects, which, though of minor value, will become well worthy of consideration, as we advance in the career of improvement, and to these it may not be improper briefly to advert.

Besides the Canal near the Carrying Place for the junction of the Bay of Quinty with Presqu'ile Harbour, surveyed by order of the Legislature; a work in some measure connected with it, which would promise great accommodation to a very fine tract of country, is the formation of a harbour near Cobourg, or Port Hope. The experience which will be acquired at the Twelve Mile Creek and at Burlington Beach, will enable the public more fairly to estimate the expense of such an enterprise; and if the works at those places should happily be executed with success and economy, the construction of the Harbour now under notice, it may be presumed, will not long be deferred.

A project for rendering the Gananoque River navigable for boats has lately been agitated in the country bordering on that stream; and as it can be carried into execution at an expense by no means considerable, there is ground to anticipate its speedy accomplishment.

The rising settlements on the Otonabee river, and the Rice Lake, and in the neighbourhood of the River Trent, from Cavan to Rawden, are at present almost shut out from a market, by the impediments which exist in the navigation of the River last named. No regular survey of this stream having been made, there is no means of estimating the cost of improving it, but there is room for believing that the difficulties in its bed might be surmounted at a very moderate expense. As a general object of domestic policy, the improvement of this river ranks next in importance to that of the great navigable communications with the sea-ports; for, by it, the Province must receive from Marmora, its supplies of bar iron and castings, the products of our home industry. By this river, also, must the trade of the country lying on its banks, and on those of its tributary streams, as well as of the extensive region stretching westward to Lake Simcoe, find an outlet. Its improvement should, consequently, be undertaken at as early a period as circumstances may render practicable.

There is yet another project to be noticed, which has for its object the connection of the head waters of the Rivers Credit and Nottawasaga; the former of which disembogues itself into Lake Ontario, and the latter into Lake Huron. Should this communication be found practicable, the slightest glance at the map will shew how beneficial it would prove, when opened, to a very extensive country stretching along its course between the Lakes.

In closing these summary remarks, it is conceived that the review now taken of what has been already done, and of what still remains to be achieved of the plans and projects which have engaged the public mind for the last few years, may not unreasonably be regarded as cheering. The Province has evidently before it a wide field for improvement, and has entered on it, with a degree of spirit and zeal, which, considering its infancy, and slender revenues, materially redounds to its honor. Let it be hoped, that the same ardour will be continued to be applied with judgment and perseverance, in cultivating our vast means of internal navigation, since, by such a course, we shall most successfully and rapidly develope our resources, and establish our prosperity on secure and imperishable foundations.

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carry large cargoes, and with lee-boards are manœuvred with as much ease on the broad expanse of the German Ocean, as on the narrow seas and canals of the Netherlands. Would they not, consequently, be peculiarly well adapted for our inland navigation, embracing, as it will do, lakes, rivers, canals?