

The claim set up for the "Savannah" to the distinction of being the first ship propelled across the Atlantic by steam is thus swept away. I have already submitted irrefragable proof that the actual pioneer of transatlantic steam service, and the forerunner of the Cunard and other magnificent vessels of that class, was beyond all question the steamship "Royal William"—a steamship designed by a native of the city of Quebec, constructed in the shipyard under the citadel, engined at Montreal, and sent to sea by the enterprise of Canadian merchants.