

I have obtained, though not from an official source, the number of boats which passed the locks at the Coteau, in the years 1821 and 1824, which is as follows :

	<i>Durham boats,</i>	<i>Bateaux,</i>
1821	342	634
1824	268	596

Of the Durham boats about one half are owned by American citizens, and it is supposed that on an average one boat out of 8 or 9 sails up the rapids, and does not pay toll at the locks.

Many of the bateaux now in use are built on an improved plan, and will carry 40 barrels of flour down the river, and bring up a return cargo of 5 tons.

Though the foregoing statement gives us the number of boats which passed the Coteau-du-Lac in the years 1821 and 1824, the want of returns for the intermediate years, will prevent us from making a fair average. The year 1824 was a very unfavorable one, owing to the failure of the crops in 1823. Nevertheless, it would appear that my estimate of 405 Durham boats, founded on the returns of the three years ending in 1820, is higher than the state of trade will at present justify. The average of Canadian boats seems on the other hand, to be on the increase.

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STATEMENT

OF THE BREADTH, DEPTH, &c. OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS AND VESSELS ON LAKE ONTARIO.

SHIP'S NAMES.	Loaded Draught of Water.		Breadth Extreme.	Breadth of Main Channel.	
	AFORE. F. I.	ABAFT. F. I.			
NEW SHIPS, Nos. 1 & 2 - -	19—6	20—6	50—8	5—6	
ST. LAWRENCE, - - - -	19—0	20—0	52—5	5—6	
KINGSTON, - - - - -	16—0	17—0	43—1	3—9	
PSYCHE, - - - - -	14—0	15—6	36—7	3—6	
BURLINGTON, - - - - -	14—4	16—4	37—8	2—10	
NIAGARA, - - - - -	10—10	13—11	27—7	1—10	
CHARWELL, - - - - -	10—6	12—0	30—6	1—8	
MONTREAL, - - - - -	9—10	12—4	30—0	2—6	
BROCK, (Schooner) - - -	7—0	11—0	22—3	1—0	
NETLEY, do. - - - - -	7—6	9—4	21—2	1—0	
STAR, (Brig) - - - - -	10—0	11—0	26—6	2—6	

KINGSTON DOCK-YARD. }
26TH NOVEMBER, 1823. }

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