

made their canoes from the trunks of trees, which they burned out, and shaped into boats. And in this respect Verrazzano is perfectly correct. Lescarbot when on the New England coast in 1607, investigated the whole subject, and we know both from him and Champlain, that, while bark canoes were made in Massachusetts and Maine, the prevailing type was that of the log canoe. In 1624, it is probable that the birch canoe was not known at all, as it was difficult to make before the introduction of iron tools by Europeans, and was confined to northern parts, where the trees were generally small and scarce, which rendered canoes of bark and skin necessary, no matter what might be the cost. Further south, in Maine and Massachusetts, where the timber was larger, ~~the~~ they would build the canoe, and this easy but slow style of naval construction prevailed, until the white man came with sharp knives and hatchets. Then the