

did. This zeal for peopling the Upper Province met with every encouragement from home, as it tended to form a strong barrier against any future invasion from the neighbouring States. Towns of considerable magnitude were in a few years constructed upon the sites of old forts and blockhouses; and the shouts of hunters and the Indian warhoop now gave place to the busy hum of trade and commerce. The Lakes became covered with ships instead of canoes; and every town resembled a sea-port.

Kingston, York, Queenstown and Niagara, are the principal towns of the Upper Province. York, the capital, is situated on Lake Ontario, and has every prospect of becoming a city of much importance in that distant part of the world. It possesses great facilities for commerce and navigation. The Americans got possession of this town in the early part of the year, but were soon driven out of it by our troops. The vast lakes which cover so great a portion of this province, have brought into action the naval tactics of