

a fit of the Highlander's second sight)—was named after the Hon. Peter Robinson. It is pleasantly and most advantageously situated on the Otonabee, which running out of Clear, or Salmon-trout Lake, about fifteen miles north-east of Peterborough enters Rice Lake after a further course of twenty miles. As we have at present a pretty long way to travel, I shall postpone any further notice of Peterborough until we shall have arrived there, and have only said this much about it to put you in good humour with the resting-place which I have selected for you.

#### CHAPTER IV.

We have now to set out for Prescott; but it may be prudent, before starting, to enquire what modes of performing the journey can be found.

There is a regular stage which for £2 will set you down there with a small allowance of luggage, the day after you leave Montreal. If expedition is an object, you can coach it; and should your luggage, as will probably happen, be more than the stage allowance, get it taken to one of the forwarding offices, of which there are several: you will there get a receipt for the articles delivered, and they will be sent on by a bateau, or Durham boat at a charge of 2s. 6d. per cwt. In these said stages I have never travelled; but even on a good road I should not judge them to be the pleasantest vehicles in the world, and believe me the roads they do jog over are very far from good.

Water travelling is the next resource; and here you have a choice between a bateau, an entirely open boat, or a Durham boat, which has a kind of half-deck, under which luggage and merchandize are stowed, and where you may yourself find a welcome shelter in bad weather. The fare in these to Prescott is from four to five shillings, and you must reckon on being about a week on board.

Should the weather prove fine, you will by this route see a profusion of delightful scenery, and perhaps form the most correct idea of what Canada is, and what man's industry can make her—you will be borne along a magnificent river—you will see for miles together "a

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