

*Canadians having been without fire engines on this occasion. This misfortune will be remedied hereafter, and it may be hoped every other conveniency will be introduced among them, and especially the conveyance of water to reservoirs, which is much wanted there. This defect indeed is the more pardonable, when it is considered, that in so vast and opulent a city as London, it is but the other day it was attended with very fatal consequences. These Canadians should also use tiles properly glazed instead of shingles, which will, as far as human prudence can go, effectually prevent such misfortunes for the future. It is evident from the custom of the Russians, that such tiles will stand the melting of snow and the severity of frost, tho' the Canadians have received a vulgar notion to the contrary. It is true indeed, that thin iron plates painted or tinn'd over, as used among the Russians for their best houses, will in the issue prove the cheapest way of building, seeing that flames or flakes of fire cannot easily make an impression on them. It is hoped every expedient that reason and experience can suggest will hereafter be brought into use, now that they have such able instructors as ourselves; and the more, as we may with great propriety recommend, if not require, how part of the money given them may be disposed of.*