

structing in order to be able to pass without asking leave of their neighbours from Lake Huron to Lake Superior, in ships or canoes, as they may have a mind. This may not in some time, be the only such canal. The vast and varied sources of wealth through which it would necessarily pass, encourage the great undertaking, and, why should not the undeveloped treasures of the wide Ottawa Valley and the unexplored riches of the Nipissing and Georgian Bay regions be brought to light, developed and made subservient to man's uses? But the cost? In an empire so rich and where there is so much capital

seeking safe investment, cost ought not to present any difficulty. But, there are also some granite rocks. Still no insuperable impediment. Was there ever a canal built without encountering and overcoming such impediments? Let the gold be provided, and leave the rest to our engineers: *Aurum perrumpere amat saxum, potentius ictu fulmineo.*

We must now bid adieu to Mr. Hamilton's interesting book, and have done with our commenting on it. It is written in a clear and pleasing style and by the information which it imparts will repay amply the trouble of an attentive perusal.

