

ON INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CANADAS.



It will be found very convenient to the public, that the proprietor of Goudie's wharf has permitted a passage through the Commercial Buildings for passengers only, which has been taken by the joint Companies of St. Lawrence and the Tow Boat Company, whose office is now held at No. 7, Commercial Buildings. These properties by this accommodation have reverted to their original bustling scene of business, and bid fair to rise in value with that of any other in the Lower Town.

If to this were added a little more energy in promoting the present extensive interior navigation proved by the voyage of the Quebec Barge, burthen 100 tons, how soon might not the British capitalist turn his views to this rising British country, instead of allowing himself to be swindled out of Millions in a foreign land, where no community of interest exists.

Let the opinion of one who has had experience and knowledge of the difficulties so much magnified respecting the navigation of the Rapids of the St. Lawrence, be offered in contradiction to the wasteful expenditure on canals and the loss of time in stead of profitable employment of capital on a mode of conveyance known by any one of common sense to be quite practicable.

"The question of the practicability of constructing vessels which might be capable of stemming the rapids of the St. Lawrence, was frequently discussed during the late war—and now that the power of steam can be applied in aid of such vessels, I cannot entertain any doubt as to the complete suc-

cess of your barge project, if connected at certain difficult points with the assistance of the steam towing vessels and the very simple and ingenious machinery which you have suggested. Your plan appears to me to possess all the advantages which you have described, not only as regards the emigrant in his cheap and commodious conveyance with his family and effects to the point at which his labours are to commence, but in a still higher degree as respects the merchant, in the transmission to the interior of European goods, and return cargoes of agricultural produce—while to the state as a nursery of a hardy and experienced race of internal navigators, at all times available for defensive purposes (an object to which a certain degree of importance must ever attach) the prospective benefits are evidently such as ought in my opinion to secure for your plan the approbation and encouragement, if not the aid and support of the Government, I shall be gratified if the expression of these opinions should be satisfactory or useful to you."

Editors of Newspapers who desire that such improvements should be put down, as they might tend to prove that all the opposition that has been raised against them, is found to proceed from "false views of interest," or want of intelligence as to their practicability, bearing and extent, will please not to copy these remarks.

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