

they will not hesitate by a respectful application to the Legislature to seek for more ample powers. It is a duty no less incumbent on them to use their best exertions in accelerating the work. This will lessen the expence. At present labour and property is low, and this ought to be taken advantage of. Some of those connected with it, have annual salaries for their services which will of course cease when the work is done. But in addition to this, the Lachine Canal may justly be considered as the first great work wherein the public are all interested which was ever undertaken in Canada; and if an example be shown of the facility and expedition with which public improvements can be made, it will operate as a stimulus to proceed with others where necessary.

LET them banish from their minds this baneful economising plan, which (if carried to excess) never fails to make a bad and useless job. Let them go onsteadily, regardless of private interest or party views. By doing so they will effectually accomplish a work to Canada the most important that ever was undertaken, and leave to posterity a lasting monument of their sound judgment, patriotic zeal, and indefatigable perseverance for the public good*.

* If they require the force of example to direct them in this occasion, let them turn their attention to the magnificent public works which have been erected in other countries—for instance, the Wapping, East and West India Docks in London, similar works in Liverpool, Bristol, Hull, Leith, &c. as well as the numerous and extensive Canals in Great-Britain, or in the neighbouring state, where 200 miles of canal has been cut in three years; and let them compare the well-earned honour those entrusted with the erection of these, and that which is acquired by *saving* the public money, appropriated for *public buildings, internal communications, &c.* in Canada. The difference in the magnitude of the undertakings does not affect the principle derived from this comparison; for those incapable of properly directing the expenditure of £50,000 are far less able to do so if the sum be greater.

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