

in breadth, and large enough to house eight or ten beavers ; but sometimes a hundred beavers have been found together in one large house, divided into a great number of compartments.

The shape of the beaver-castle is generally oval, and so well roofed as to be water-proof. Its interior is as nicely constructed, and with the same degree of art ; having a communication both with the water and the land, and making provisions against rapid changes of weather, and against floods. The beaver, when at work, makes very great use of its tail, which is broad and