

As it is well to make the best of everything, we will improve the time here in looking back to 1809, when, on the 6th November, the steamboat "Accommodation," built by the enterprise and industry of the Honorable John Molson, made, I am told, her first trip to Quebec, she being the first steamer that ever plied in Canadian waters. She took twenty-four hours to reach Three Rivers, and sixty-six hours to reach Quebec. The fare, which was then nine dollars, is now three for the same distance. As we are very much indebted to the Honorable John Molson for his having persevered in building his steamer, and to accomplish which he had no doubt many difficulties to overcome, I have chosen his portrait as being the most suitable one for my little book; for the first person who carries through any enterprise successfully, accomplishes more than those who follow in his track.

While waiting we strolled about; but the steamer's movements were too uncertain to allow of our availing ourselves of the hospitalities of the people of Lachine; so we returned to the station, and there found our fellow-passengers very impatient, some for their dinner, some to get started; and all looking anxious. At last a gentleman near me saw the pipe of the "Grecian" entering the lock of the canal, and very soon she came gracefully sailing along. She is indeed a very comfortable steamer. I had placed my luggage