

A ship-railway scheme by which ocean vessels may be made amphibious and taken out of water inland to manufacturing centres has been proposed by Mr. Wm. Smith, a harbor engineer, of Aberdeen. He presented it to the London Chamber of Commerce, where it is said to have been favorably received. It would be on the same principle as the Bay Verte ship railway, in which Canada is making a bold if somewhat perilous experiment, but applied to a different purpose. If the thing can be done at all, it can be done anywhere, if the distance be not too great. One would be rash to say that it cannot; but it would certainly have been wise to experiment on a more modest scale than we are doing at Bay Verte. If Mr. Smith is to be regarded as a prophet, shall we not have to vote obsolete before birth the Liverpool and Manchester canal now being made at enormous cost?