

called at Hamilton and came down, most of the time, to Prescott. It was only after the opening of the St. Lawrence canals that they could come down to Montreal; and every one was appalled at first at the idea of large steamers running the rapids. This however they have long done safely, going up again by the canals.

After the "Frontenac" was finished, in 1818, Mr. Gildersleeve, of Kingston, built— from the materials that remained over— a small boat called the "Charlotte," which plied from Kingston to Belleville. Kingston has thus the credit of having the first steamboat Navigation on the lakes, and the first on the upper St. Lawrence.

The above account of the early lake Steamers appeared some years ago in the *New Dominion Monthly*, and a correspondent writing from Peterboro supplied the following additional information:—

There is no doubt but the "Frontenac" was the first steamer on Lake Ontario, but I have the impression she was built earlier than 1818. During the Summer of 1822 I was on board of her. She plied between Kingston, York, Niagara, and Queenston, making a trip once a week, calling at York going up. Passengers going to Kingston had to cross in her to Niagara and Queenston, for she did not call at York on her downward trip. The cabin fare was \$12, and the deck \$3.

The "Charlotte" that year (1822) plied between Kingston and Belleville, she did not go to Prescott.

In the latter part of that season, a small steamer was built, called the "Dalhousie," which ran between Kingston and Prescott.

There was a small steamer the same year, belonging to the Americans, which plied between Sackett's Harbour and Kingston, but I have forgotten her name. There were thus four steamers on Lake Ontario in 1822.

On Lake Erie in 1820—21, there was but one steamer—