

first class steam-boats are constantly running; from Montreal to Kingston, in connection with a line of stages, the same frequency of intercourse exists; the Rideau offers the same facility of communication; from Kingston to the American frontier, as well as to the western end of Lake Ontario, there is a regular chain of boats; there are two steam-boats for the Bay of Quinte, two for the Rice Lake and the Otonabee river, two on Lake Simcoe, constant intercourse between Toronto and Hamilton, Toronto and Niagara, and between Hamilton and Queenston. On Lake Erie there is not at present the same accommodation, but that is likely to improve. Steam-boats run up the river Thames as far as Chatham, a flourishing village; and the Canada Company employ a steam-boat on Lake Huron, which runs to their new harbour, at Goderich, on the river Maitland. Within the last few years great improvements have been effected on the public roads; it was formerly the custom to construct and repair the roads, by statute labour, which was frequently expended at the period when the frost quitted the ground; the roads, from wet and wear, became almost impassable, and the means to improve them were then generally expended; a system of commutation has been since adopted, and they are far better than heretofore. There have been also many miles of macadamized road finished in different parts of the province, in a very superior manner; about Kingston, Brockville, and Perth, many miles have been completed: in the neighbourhood of Toronto there are also several roads finished in an admirable manner; whilst to the flourishing town of Hamilton, on Burlington Bay; to the village of Dundas, on the Desjardine Canal; and to the town of Brantford, on the Grand River, macadamized roads have been made, connecting these enterprising and rising places with a rich interior agricultural country. Many safe and easily accessible harbours have been constructed on the different lakes, and more resolved on: numerous light-houses now dot their shores: and in addition to these vast improvements, many surveys have been ordered, and some progressing, under able engineers, for the purpose of still further drawing forth the unequalled advantages and resources of this extensive region. The chief justice of Upper Canada, a Canadian by birth, and an honour and an ornament to the empire to which he belongs, in a recent pamphlet, called "Canada and the Canada Bill," speaks thus of the province of which we are treating:—

"With a foreign nation, already numbering fourteen millions of people, interposing between her and the Atlantic coast, with but one outlet to the ocean, closed for more than five months of the year, Canada could never become a naval power, and could never protect her commerce against the weakest maritime nation