

able commodities to be turned into gold when the ships reached European shores.

The system of trading or of conducting business improved with time and its increasing volume—all the time approaching more and more the methods and means of trade in European countries. The methods of transportation of the products of this northern country were by canoe or on the backs of the sturdy indians, for more than a century, followed later by more important craft and then the assistance of animals of burden was availed of.

It would indeed be a history in itself to trace up the various system of transporting merchandise and what we call passengers from the early 16th to the close of the 19th century. From the canoe and its load, the 50 lb pack on the human back to the 30 ton freight car of today. The weight carried per individual means has magnified more than has the speed of covering distance—unless of course we take in comparison the single canoe against the train of loaded cars.

The transportation during the same periods across the ocean would form a history of itself—too long and uninteresting a story for us—yet from what you have read—from what you see to-day—I can awaken a thought as to the vast change that has taken place. The sailing vessel of varying proportions held sway until well into this century