

both ends, landed end on at the floatingslip. The trip was made in from seven to twelve minutes and the engineer whose name was Joseph Forster, received his orders directly and orally from the Captain thus, "Start her Joe," Reverse her, Joe "Go ahead Joe," and always at the top of his voice.

This boat was succeeded by horse ferry boats of a very rude description, propelled by from four to six horses, and these in bad weather and strong tides were assisted by men and frequently by the passengers, untill the new 'Lauzon' steamer was built by the father of the present Mr. McKenzie proprietor of the Steamer MacKenzie, after which the horse boats of which there were several, gradually disappeared."

EDITORIAL.

AT the commencement of our third Volume, we venture to look back over the past two years, to the time when, with considerable anxiety, we entered upon our literary venture, and it is with no little satisfaction we can say to-day that much more success than we dared to hope for, has attended our pleasant labours, and our prospect is one of hopeful progress.

We have gathered round us a circle of friends, touched with a regard for the good name, and continued success of the *Canadian Antiquarian*. Readers and writers have been inspired with the same feeling, and the sentiment has lent a grateful tone to offers of good service on the one hand, and congratulations on the other.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to assume a certain frankness, and to bring editor and reader into friendly relationship. We are grateful for the help we have received and for our success so far, and we promise at least to attempt greater things in future volumes; but although the work of editing the *Antiquarian* is with us "a labour of love," we beg to remind our readers and friends, that we are men who