

with less depth, yet of the same tonnage, she would have moved like a Hay-stack. The dimensions of the "Canada" are 112 feet extreme length 20 feet beam, and 10 feet depth of hold, measuring about 209 Tons, with a 45 Horse power engine. I think experience will bear me out in my opinion, that smaller she could not be with profit or advantage. For once launched into the Lake, she ought to be able to go to any part of it. Casualties might occur to alter her route. For instance War. In which case being capable of acting as a transport, she no doubt would find profitable employment. On the lake that vessel which is best adapted for general purposes, can go any where, will be alike serviceable in peace or War, is likely to be the most valuable. Such, I trust, will be the "Canada." I am sorry the Merchants of York, whence such things should originate, assist so little in promoting what the scientific, and intelligent world have pronounced of immeasurable advantage, and in character with machinery. It can hardly be possible that their enterprise should be exhausted under the trifling effort they have made; and I trust they will shew by their patronage of the "Canada," that they are as persevering, as intelligent, as enterprising as their neighbours. I risk nothing in asserting, that there is no such thing as an efficient and unprofitable steam-boat on the lake. I risk nothing in asserting, that the inhabitants of Upper Canada will not build Steam boats fast enough to make them unprofitable. And I hold it certain as the phases of the Moon, that were there 7 efficient Steam-vessels, to start one every day in the week from Prescott, taking the round of the lake, that in 12 months, each would find as much employment as any one now.