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*several generations, including the launching of the steamer "Royal William", in 1831, and some notes of a still earlier period in the history of Quebec.*

*I am quite cognizant of the fact that there are many subjects that I have failed to notice, all more or less important and interesting, without doubt, but the facts concerning the majority of them are already known to the present generation, and besides, the reason that several volumes would not contain the half that might be written concerning Quebec of the past, must be my excuse for not dealing with them.*

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