

"feet of water. At the same time, a lateral branch of  
 "the canal might be made so as to pass off at some point  
 "near the Brewery in the Recollet Suburbs to fall in at  
 "the present port of Montreal; and this branch might  
 "be made of a smaller size as it would be required on-  
 "ly for such goods as might be brought to the Port from  
 "the Upper Province, or for what might be sent there  
 "from that place.—From all this we sincerely hope that  
 "our Legislature will feel inclined to accord with the  
 "wishes of the present applicants, and while they grant  
 "them the privilege of cutting the canal from Montreal  
 "to Lachine, they will also see the propriety of enabling  
 "them to make it so as to join the St. Lawrence at the  
 "foot of the current St. Mary in the first instance, and  
 "at the same time enable them to make the lateral  
 "branch to the Port should they hereafter find it ne-  
 "cessary."

AGAIN in the Herald of the 20th February, 1819,  
 the same subject is taken up in the following extract:

"IN works of great public utility, like the one in  
 "question, a regard ought to be had to futurity as well  
 "as to the present time, otherwise the benefit arising  
 "from them must be very circumscribed. Such men as  
 "have performed any great public undertaking, without  
 "attention to this principle have often had reason to re-  
 "gret their illiberal and contracted notions, during their  
 "lives; and instead of their names being handed down  
 "to posterity with applause and gratitude for their spi-  
 "rited exertions, future generations have reproached  
 "their memories, and despised them for their imbecili-  
 "ty in having done that by halves which they might