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only for putting ships together, whose pieces come from England, as heretofore. A large man-of-war now lies there rotting, which cost Government nearly five hundred thousand pounds, the chief part of which was expended in land-carriage of material from Lower Canada, when better materials than Britain can furnish lay quite beside the dock-yard, in a state of nature. These mines then, and those of Hull, at the entrance of the Rideau Canal, will yet be in full operation. The British Navy must look to Canada for ships, and here they grow in the greatest abundance; and here is *iron* to bind them, and plenty of zinc to sheath with, likewise; hemp, too, may be cultivated to advantage.

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It is from these commodities, which England largely requires, yet has not within herself, that the Colonies will find their profit; and the raw material for the British navy is in Canada, and may be there wrought up to advantage: the manufactory of ships, or rather steam-boats, will be the one which will take the lead of all others in that country.

Some time after the foregoing proceedings, 1 dropped the following notice into the "Herald:"

"While the engineers were exploring the country for the route of the Rideau Canal, they dis-

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