

sixty miles a day—As the driver passes the churches and crosses, he checks the speed of the horse and stops for a minute, and taking off his hat repeats a small prayer, and replaces it upon his head and drives on. Some have profanely resisted and ridiculed this practice; but to be conducted as a stranger by attendants, who constantly pay their homage to the Creator and Preserver of men, must console every considerate mind. It is more commendable to encourage such devotions, than to interrupt them and give needless offence.

Water conveyances in small and large vessels are also constant between the cities of Montreal and Quebec. Whenever wind or tide detained us contrary to our inclination, we found ready transportation by the peasants on the land.

Water voyages are peculiarly entertaining: The expedition and convenience by which they are conducted, lead many to prefer this mode. The canoes and flat bottomed boats pass safely and are managed with dexterity. To the orderly and respectful deportment of the boatmen in general, they joined a scrupulous demeanor as they passed the churches and monuments of religion. The watermen constantly amused us with their singing in a