

"teaux and other craft should be brought up by horses.
 "This is a thing totally impracticable from the existing
 "nature of affairs. During a great part of the summer
 "the bay or eddy opposite to the island, is filled with
 "rafts, and the beach is covered with staves, boards,
 "and other lumber, piled up so as to impede any towing
 "path which could be made. A little further out from
 "the shore the water is too deep to use setting poles, and
 "the rapidity of the current must necessarily prevent
 "the vessels being carried up by oars. Besides to form
 "such a path and keep it in repair where it is liable (al-
 "most certain) to be broken up every season by the ac-
 "cumulation of ice, and to enlarge our harbour from
 "what it is at present would require a greater capital,
 "than to extend the canal to the foot of the current.*
 "Under these circumstances therefore we should readily
 "subscribe to the idea of carrying the canal through
 "the town so as to join the St. Lawrence at the Cross.
 "And if the meadows behind the Champ de Mars
 "(which are by nature formed for the purpose) were
 "made into a bason or harbour, the dues arising from it
 "would be amply sufficient to recompence the stock-
 "holders for the additional monies which would be re-
 "quired to extend the canal to the Cross. And this
 "would be more effectually the case if that part of the
 "canal lying between this bason and the foot of the cur-
 "rent where it joins the St. Lawrence were excavated
 "to such a depth as to admit vessels drawing 16 or 18

(* The danger from the effects of the ice happens twice every
 year in this place. It always moves once (perhaps twice) in the
 beginning of the winter when it setts, and in spring when it
 breaks up it goes with such violence as to tear up earth and stones
 weighing several tons along with it.)