

climate of greater salubrity than the renceLsaint wa?
 The lakes which form a continuation of it are inland seas, bearing thousands of craft of every description, and of every variety of build and tonnage. They bid fair to be the seat of fisheries—a commerce in themselves. For a thousand miles in this fertile valley now dwells a busy, energetic population, marked by a high civilization, who have pushed up to its very source. The tributaries are in themselves second only in magnitude to the parent stream; and on the area thus drained large cities have risen up, each year increasing in opulence and magnitude, while the waters which flow by them are as clear as crystal, and supply every want. It seems indeed but a poetical corollary, that where nature to the west has formed that marvellous wonder the Falls of Niagara, men to the east should raise up by art, as a co-mate, that stupendous pile, the Victoria Bridge.

ITS HISTORY.

It will not be out of place to say a few words upon the circumstances and period when this idea first became a recognised necessity in the public mind. Although doubtless there were many who speculated on the possibility of bridging the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, it is generally conceded that the merit of having first recognized its commercial necessity may be affiliated to the Honorable JOHN YOUNG. In examining into this part of the subject, it is necessary to go back some twelve

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