

July 2: ... The Gore was again tried last night & made the trip from Niagara to Queenston in 39 minutes. Downwards in 27 min. being about the rate of the Transit or rather beyond that vessel's general rate of sailing, a speed which is generally reckoned as highly satisfactory.

July 16: ... Took a trip to Queenston in the new boat Gore for the purpose of trying her without ballast. I am sorry to acknowledge that the experiment was anything but gratifying to my feelings as the vessel proved crank and consequently uncomfortable, quite unfit, without false sides or ballast, to succeed as a passage boat. Now, as Mr. L't does not wish the boat to be ballasted the inference is that she must be increased in breadth to insure the requisite stability. As some difficulties continue to exist respecting the settlement of his affairs with the Comp'y, it is not yet decided whether the owner will determine upon having the job executed here or remove to the vessel to Kingston for that purpose. A few days will terminate this unpleasant affair.

July 18: ... Steamer Gore sailed for Toronto with the intention, I believe, of visiting Kingston to have false sides added by the mechanics of the dock yard in that port. The removal of this boat under these circumstances will of course, create in the estimation of the public an unfavourable opinion of my professional abilities. However the vessel is not an uncreditable piece of work. Her model & execution are neither such as are likely to bring discredit upon this establishment. The true cause of the Gore's being removed arises from the late disagreement of her owner with the Dock Comp'y together with a spiel of irritated feeling on his part.

Note: *Gore* went into service between Toronto and Hamilton in mid-August 1839, but by the end of the season she was running across Lake Ontario to Rochester. She remained on that route until 1845 when she was squeezed through the Welland Canal and run on a route through Georgian Bay to the Sault. Her career ended about 1861 after several years as a tug on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.