



Huge stone walls, like this one at Boonton, were erected to keep the canal from washing away its banks and running over the lowlands. Some of the stones in this wall are almost ten feet long. No concrete was used in the construction--the stones are cut and fitted so perfectly that after years of service the wall is still in perfect condition.

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The "canaller's" life was a sort of gypsy, vagabond existence, out in the open with little hard work. When it once got into a man's blood it stayed with him. There are many cases where canalling was the chosen occupation of entire families through generations.

The number of people who sometimes lived in a small boat cabin was almost unbelievable. There were no toilet accommodations of any kind. Bathing was done with a tin basin on deck. When washday came the clothes were strung from the towline posts.