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## John Molson: Canadian entrepreneur

John Molson loved technology. Shortly after emigration to Canada from England in 1782, the young man became involved in brewing beer.

He imported brewing equipment from England and when he was 23-

years-of-age he took over the management of his newly refurbished Montreal plant. For the next 20 years he enlarged and modernized, continuously investing in new equipment. Molson was always in the forefront of technological developments and therefore saw the power of the new steam-propelled ships that navigated the Hudson River. By 1809 he had his own steamship *Accommodation* running between Montreal and Quebec City at a time when such transportation was a novelty. He launched a better faster steamship called the *Swiftsure* in Montreal in August 1812. During the war Molson was a lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of Select Embodied Militia. He also served his country during the war by leasing the *Swiftsure* for troop and supply transport. Molson subsequently helped found the Bank of Montreal and was a member of the executive council of Lower Canada (Quebec). John Molson was a moving force behind countless enterprises. He truly epitomizes the spirit of a Canada at the cutting edge.