
KNAPP ROLLER BOAT TRIED.

**The Cylinder Propelled It, but Proved
Too Weak.**

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—The trial of the Knapp roller boat at 3 o'clock this afternoon demonstrated both the weakness and the possibilities of the new ship. The barrel-like structure was towed some distance from the wharf, when the engines were started and the outer cylinder began revolving. The boat soon attained a speed of about six miles an hour and proceeded about two miles when she was brought to a standstill and towed back.

The experiment was not continued, as it was found that the plates of the cylinder were not strong enough to permit of its being worked at full speed. Mr. Knapp said that the trip demonstrated that the boat was under perfect control and the matter of speed was simply a question of more powerful engines. The cylinder plates will have to be strengthened before another trial is made.

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