

There are 20 large freight and passenger steamers lying up for the winter at Collingwood, in addition to a number of tugs, dredges, etc. Most of the steamers will have a good deal of money expended on them in repairs during the winter.

One of the cylinders of the Niagara Navigation Co.'s str. Chicora, now under repair in the dry dock at Kingston, fell into the dock and was so badly damaged that a new one will have to be cast. The damage is estimated to be about \$2,500.

The steam barge Clinton has been sold by order of the court to Captain Hicks, of Trenton. He gets the vessel on payment of \$500 for the benefit of the general creditors, and the discharge of his claim for repairs, dockage, etc., amounting to \$3,000.

Representatives of the Lord's Day Alliance recently waited on the Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, to protest against the proposal of the Dominion Marine Association that the canals should be open for traffic on Sundays the same as on other days.

The Great Lakes pool of underwriters is estimated to have lost \$300,000 on the past

season's operations. The aggregate losses, including cargoes, were about \$2,100,000. The season, from an underwriters' standpoint, is said to have been the worst since 1898.

The contract for the deepening of the rock cutting at Ramey's bend on the Welland canal, has been given to Weddall, Battle and Manley, of Trenton; and that for the removal of the centre piers of the bridges over the canal at Port Robinson, Quaker and Welland, to Magann and Phin, of Toronto.

A press report states that several of the steamship companies operating on the Great Lakes have plans for building new steamers prepared, but do not propose making any contracts in respect of them until they have an

opportunity of seeing how the turbine steamer, to be placed on Lake Ontario, turns out.

The Lake Carriers' Association has been giving consideration recently to the project of the deep water ship canal between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. The construction of such a canal would save 79 miles in distance, and would do away with the delays to navigation in St. Clair river. English and French capital is reported to be behind the project.

J. Ireland, of Parry Sound, is arranging to open a navigation route on Otter, Blackstone and Crane lakes. The route would connect with the Canada Atlantic Ry. at Otter Lake station, and there will be a portage of a quarter of a mile between Otter and Black-

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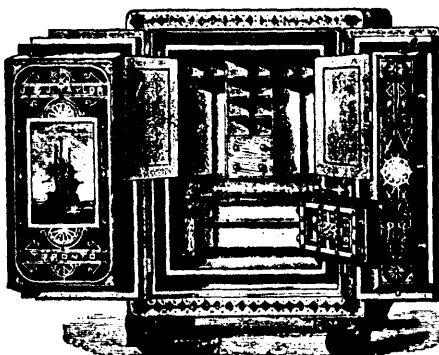
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