

was then quite as much freight in and out as at present, though the travel has increased over fifty per cent.

Capt. Steinhoff, seeing the necessity of a first-class passenger boat, conceived the idea of the present splendid screw-boat, already so far known, the *J. W. Steinhoff*; he owning the one-half and Messrs. Winters & Rogers the other.

The *Steinhoff* was built at Wallaceburgh, by Jenkins & Rouland, from designs by the present Captain J. W. Steinhoff, and put on the route as a day-boat this present summer, making her trial trip 20th May, 1874. Length, 133 ft., breadth, 29 ft., double engines 18" bore, 18" stroke; 2 boilers 6 ft. shell 12 ft. 3 in.; return tubes 95 in each boiler. She is fitted in first-class style; cabins, saloons, dining-saloon, &c.; makes the run from Chatham to Detroit, 58 miles in about 4 hours.

The line is now kept up by the *Steinhoff* and *Dominion*, the latter being a night boat, and carrying freight as well as passengers. A trip on the *Steinhoff* will well repay pleasure-seekers.

ST. CLAIR.—This river unites Lakes Huron and St. Clair, and including its windings, it is about thirty miles long, and from three-fourths of a mile to a mile and a half wide. The banks of the upper portion are high; those of the lower portion are flat, and in some parts marshy. There are several beautiful farms on the banks, and the villages of Corunna, Froomfield, Mooretown, and the town of Sarnia are situated on its border.

BEAR CREEK, OR THE RIVER SYDENHAM, is divided into two branches. The east, or principal branch, rises in the Township of Lobo, runs through the south-east of Adelaide, the north-west of Mosa, enters Zone near its north-east corner, and leaves it near the south-west corner, running nearly due west through Dawn and Sombra. The north branch rises in the Township of Warwick, and runs south-west across Enniskillen to about the centre of Sombra, and turning south reaches the east branch at the "Forks," about nine miles from the River St. Clair into which it empties through the Chenal Ecarte. Both branches, are navigable for large vessels, the east about nine miles, and the north about five miles above the "Forks."

DETROIT RIVER receives the waters of the upper lakes and discharges them into Lake Erie. It is about twenty-three miles long, and varies from one to two miles in width. The principal islands are Bois Blanc, Fighting, and Peach Islands. Large quantities of fish are taken in this river, and the abundance of wild ducks which frequent the islands, marshes and parts of the coast, make this a