

geon Mitchell, who died of Asiatic cholera in the old Mitchell mansion, caught the infection, it is supposed, from this vessel while on his way from Manitoulin, a passenger having died on the steamer from this same disease sometime previously. This must be a mistake as Surgeon Mitchell died in 1830 and Mr. Jas. Darling of the Post Office says the "Kalloola" was built about 1840, either at Port Severn or Sturgeon Bay. The reference may have been to Dr. George Mitchell, second son of Surgeon Mitchell, who died in 1842. Another account says the "Kalloola" was built in 1846 at Sturgeon Bay which about that date was aspiring to be the terminus of the Coldwater Portage as Port Powell. Mr. Fuller, father of the late Mrs. John Gill of Coldwater, built a hotel there and for a time steamers and vessels plying between various points on Georgian Bay from here to Sault Ste. Marie, made Sturgeon Bay their port of arrival and departure.

The steamer "Sir Francis Gore," named in honor of Upper Canada's former Lieut.-Governor, was among the earliest of the steamers making this a regular port of call. The first commander was Capt. John Robinson, brother-in-law of Issuer Smith and uncle to the late Mrs. John Smith of Midland. His successor was Capt. Peck who was still in command when the late Mrs. John Devine came from Owen Sound to Penetanguishene in 1847. Her next commander was Capt. Fred. Charles Fraser, R.N., father of Mr. Fred. Fraser, late Fishery Inspector of Victoria Harbor and brother-in-law to the well known John Brissette and to Mrs. Geo. Dube, Capt. Fraser having married Miss Adele Brissette whose grandmother was a Cree. Capt. Fraser, who with his family occupied a rough-cast, double house built by Toussant Boucher, a tin-smith, on the corner where Dr. P. H. Spohn's residence now stands, was formerly engaged in the naval service here, in connection with the steamer "Mohawk." St. James' register contains the records of the baptisms of three sons and one daughter of Capt. Fraser and his wife extending through the years 1847 to 1853, which probably indicates about the time of severing his connection with the steamer "Gore" and the duration of his service.

The steamer "Ploughboy" sailed into this port for several years through the sixties and is remembered still by some of the older residents, as also the steamers "Gore" and "Kalloola." The "Ploughboy" recalls the murder of Mr. W. Gibbard, Land Surveyor, on board during her trip from Sault Ste. Marie to Collingwood in 1863. (History of Simcoe County, Vol. I., p. 48).