

lar trips to Owen Sound. She was followed by others, which kept increasing in size as new ones were made. A paper on "Navigation on the Upper Lakes, (more particularly that of the port of Collingwood)" by David Williams, of Collingwood, was published by him in the *Saturday News* of that town, Nov. 28, 1908, to which the reader is referred for particulars of the early steamers and an outline of the history of the Northern Navigation Company.

At Midland, with the opening of the Midland Railway, in 1872, navigation rapidly assumed an important position. The erection of the first elevator there further increased the shipping trade, to which the sawmills and the position it held as a railway terminus had already added much growth. Other elevators in later years at Tiffin, Victoria Harbor and at Midland itself, following the development of the lumber industry at Waubaushene, Fesserton, Victoria Harbor, and other ports along the Midland Railway, have given to Matchedash Bay and its branches the important place in navigation which the old fur traders of a century earlier had foreseen it would some day possess.

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