

system. Some of these boats will run weekly & others bi-weekly.

The Manhattan Steamship Co. has begun a new service between New York City & St. John, N.B. Steamers will run at first every 10 days, & afterwards the service will be increased to a weekly one. This Co. also expects to establish a regular line between New York & Yarmouth & Halifax. Speaking of the new service the Maritime Merchant says: "Quite a number of attempts have been made in the last 10 years to establish a line of steamers between New York & St. John. From one cause or another, the various lines attempting it gave up the business after a short trial. Once more the effort is being made, with steamers that call at some Maine ports en route. The Co. is a strong one, & confident that a permanent line can be established. In securing freight from New York to St. John, the steamers have to compete with schooners which go there with lumber & are sometimes very glad to get a return freight at low rates." The Co. has entered into a contract with the town of Digby, N.S., to build & equip an hotel there to accommodate at least 100 guests & to be ready for occupation by July 15 next. The town exempts the hotel & furnishings from taxation for 5 years, & gives free water for the same period.

Ontario & the Great Lakes.

The Government cruiser Petrel is wintering at Goderich.

An excursion steamer 110 ft. long is being built at Kingston for Lake Champlain.

C. W. McCoolle, of Pembroke, Ont., is likely to have a passenger steamer built.

It is said Capt. Noonan, of Kingston, Ont., will have a steamer built at Westport, Ont.

H. Julian, tug owner, Port Dalhousie, was injured by being thrown from a vehicle recently.

Capt. Denisha is having a tug 60x14 ft., with a 40 h.p. engine, built at Kingston, for towing in connection with Dominion Government improvements.

J. G. Evans, a medical missionary, has had a steam launch built at Kingston, Ont., for use on the River Jordan, the Sea of Galilee & the Dead Sea. It is 30 ft. long.

Manager Foy has issued a very attractive calendar for the Niagara Navigation Co., containing excellent views of the steamers Chippewa, Corona & Chicora.

Lieut.-Col. Tisdale's project to connect Lakes St. Clair & Erie by a canal will again be before Parliament, notice of an application for legislation having been given.

Capt. Trowell of the steamer Ocean has issued a writ against the Wentworth Navigation Co. for \$5,000 damages. He was injured in an accident to the steamship.

Shipbuilding companies of the Great Lakes have under contract for next season 12 steel vessels, 8 of which are modern freight carriers, 2 passenger boats, 1 oil tank barge, & 1 large tug.

Kivas Tully, C.E., states that the indications of another winter season of low water is a very serious matter, as it will affect the canals. The depth is still 7 degrees below the zero line.

The Calvin Co., forwarders, etc., Garden Island, give notice of application to the Dominion Parliament for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation, so as to give them the exclusive right to the name of the Calvin Co.

The Collins Inlet Lumber Co., Toronto, is having a steel tug built there. Dimensions, keel 80 ft., beam 16 ft., depth 7 ft. Engines comp., dimensions of cylinders & stroke, 11, 20x14. One Scotch boiler. Approximate value, \$10,000.

Capt. Reynolds, Peterboro', Ont., is having a steel passenger steamer built at Toronto. Dimensions, keel 85 ft., beam 16 ft., depth 5½ ft. Engines comp., dimensions of cylinder & stroke, 9, 18x12. Fitzgerald boiler 54 in.x8 ft. Approximate value, \$8,000.

The General Passenger & Freight Departments of the Northern Steamship Co. will be consolidated Mar. 1, when I. M. Bortle, Gen-

eral Passenger Agent, will retire, S. Murray, now General Freight Agent, taking charge of both departments, with headquarters at Buffalo.

The Ottawa River Navigation Co. is having a screw passenger steamer built in Toronto. Dimensions, keel 100 ft., beam 21 ft., depth 7 ft. Engines comp., dimensions of cylinders & stroke, 10, 20x16. The boilers, 5½x8 ft., are being built at the Polson Engine Works. Approximate value, \$11,000.

The ferry Niagara was caught in an ice-floe between Buffalo & Fort Erie, Jan. 22. She was swept down under the International Bridge with 19 passengers on board & was in danger of going over the Falls, but managed to get into clear water below the bridge. All her upper works were torn off by contact with the bridge timbers.

Winnipeg Town Topics points out that the Great Lakes do not drain any portion of the prairie wheat belt, & that far from being the great drainage canal of North America, as they are popularly held to be in Ontario & Quebec, they only carry off the waters of 10% of the continent, while the Red River of the North & the Saskatchewan, with their tributaries, drain nearly 50%.

The U.S. Hydrographic office states that the water in the St. Lawrence continues to rise, & the prospects for better navigation this year improve. The U.S. Light House Board has decided to change the color of the lights at the St. Lawrence light station. That at Crossover Island, Sunken Rock & Rock Island will be changed from brown to white. That at Charlotte Harbor will be 1 fixed red range light in place of 3 lights, red, white & red.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, has sent a letter to the other yachting organizations in the Dominion, in which it states that in order that the coming contest for the Canadian cup shall be truly international, & that Canada shall be well represented, the R.C.Y.C. proposes to offer in prize money not less than \$1,000 to the winners of the trial races. These races will be held some time in

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