

# HUGE LAKE LEVIATHAN MAKES HER MAIDEN VOYAGE DOWN LAKE ERIE

## "Noronic" Largest and Finest Passenger Vessel Ever Launched on the Great Lakes Conveys a Special Party on Her Maiden Trip From Sarnia—Many Notables on Board.

It was the good fortune of the editor of THE ONTARIO to receive an invitation from the Grand Trunk Railway and Northern Navigation Company to accompany the party that was to accompany the "Noronic" on her maiden voyage on Saturday last from Sarnia.

A special train consisting of twelve coaches—pullmans, club cars, dining-car, and baggage—having on board the leading officials of the Grand Trunk Railway and other prominent guests from the east reached Belleville at 3:45 a.m. on Saturday. The train was made to Sarnia in remarkably quick time considering the heaviness of the train. Breakfast was served in the dining-car en route, and we must say that upon this occasion the cuisine greatly surpassed the usual high standard that is set by Grand Trunk diners.

The old familiar route to Sarnia never seemed to appear so beautiful as upon these last days of May. A warm sun had caused vegetation to spring up everywhere in a riot of luxuriant greenness. The wild thorn and the flowering shrubs were in full bloom; nature in her most enticing mood. We do not know whether those in charge had specially ordered up the weather from Prof. Hicks' bureau for the occasion, but the days of the occasion were magnificently perfect. The chill of early spring was gone and there was not yet the depressing heat of summer.

When the special train arrived at Sarnia, it looked as if the entire town had turned to greet those on board. A splendid band was playing national or popular airs as the guests found their way to their state-rooms.

There were about five hundred on board when the boat left its moorings about one o'clock Saturday afternoon. There was a din of whistles blowing a noisy greeting and bon voyage as the fleet of other craft was successively passed.

The itinerary led down the St. Clair to the Detroit River, where a stop was made and the passengers given an automobile tour around the city. Thence the route led down the Detroit River and Lake Erie to Cleveland. After a night's stop at Cleveland, the party was landed at Windsor on Sunday evening where the special train was in waiting to convey the guests back to Montreal or other points en route.

To those who had never taken this water trip down the St. Clair and the Detroit rivers, and this meant the great majority on board, this excursion was a continuous revelation and delight. The succession of picturesque summer homes, with their varied surroundings reminded one of the Hudson River.

The hurried trip about Detroit afforded a glimpse of its well paved streets, its seven hundred acres island park on Belle Isle, its great factories, and its high buildings. Detroit surpasses the world in several lines of manufacture, notably automobiles, stoves and medicinal extracts.

On Saturday night those in charge of the excursion provided a most excellent and enjoyable concert of rather a free-and-easy entertainment. First there was a nine-course dinner that afforded those present some idea of the untold possibilities of food. Restful days spent on board this floating palace in the heat of summer, with the tired appetites demands food that is different. A capable orchestra accompanied the dinner with soulful music.

Later came dancing where everybody with terpsichorean impulses was given an opportunity to test the smoothness of the new quarter-deck oak floor. Then the guests were entertained by an unusually good male quartet and elocutionist.

A Magnificent Boat. Perhaps a description of the boat will be of some interest. To furnish lake cruising with all the pleasures, comforts and safety of an ocean liner was the purpose behind the creation of the S. S. Noronic the new flagship of the Northern Navigation Company's great fleet of steamers.

the furnishing being to provide ample seating accommodation, no matter how heavy the passenger list may be.

Here, as in the Social Hall, are provided small window hangings of antique velvet. One of the noticeable features of the ship is the entrance on exits to the promenade, so necessary when one considers the beauty of the outer deck, which is almost one-eighth of a mile in length. Seated in this drawing room, one is again struck with the design that has been displayed by the designer, and the care that is exercised in all minor details of carving and ornamentation. The beautiful contrasts in color and the general repose of the interior have been between these walls of magnificent mahogany, here and there one is shown a stateroom finished in white enamel and oak. Now we find the individual heating arrangement, hot and cold water, berth lights, square shaded windows to the Promenade Deck, the same beautiful Wilton carpets as used throughout the Promenade Deck.

**Luxurious Smoking Room.** Aft on this deck is located the smoking room. Ceilings and walls in great oak, furnished with large chairs, upholstered in a warm, reddish Spanish leather. The windows are provided with hangings of sun-proof material of special importation. The flooring is a combination of oak and red upholstered in English rubber filling. The wall paneling and columns finished with a base of green marble. The lighting arrangements are of bulb design of heavy translucent glass. While the light is ample, the effect is soft. The carving and architectural design of the room is decidedly manly and extremely comfortable.

Ascending the stairway to the observation deck we enter at once an extremely large observation room that impresses one as being all glass so far as the walls are concerned. While this is not a fact, it is the impression one gets. A polished oak floor is provided for the accommodation of those who desire to dance. The well opening to the promenade deck is protected by a balustrade of oak with carved ornaments at spaces interspersed by radiating different methods of water travel.

**Orchestra on "Noronic."** Aft we pass through the observation room by the well proportioned orchestra stand, where the passengers of the "Noronic" will here have all the pleasures of a shore ballroom during the entire tour.

Through an elaborately carved entrance we reach the dining room. It is in many respects the most delightful of all the pleasing spaces upon the ship. The ceiling is finished in a very pale green and white, wedgedwood in effect. The low relief being, while flat in effect, beautifully handled. A casual glance impresses one with the amount of study that has been given this very important detail. The walls and columns are of mahogany, rosewood

in addition to being a serving table. The arrangement has been found to work admirably, and a great saving of time, and an immense convenience so far as relieving the kitchen of part of its work during rush times. Every Convenience Here.

Moving up to the Boat Deck, one is apt to exclaim, "Why, this is the most beautiful of all." Here will be located the writing room, card playing space, etc. The walls are similar to the other illustrative. Forward it depicts nymphs sporting in the sea, while in the foreground is arranged a flight of gulls. In the center of this panel is placed a clock, and one is reminded that, while there is time for play, time is always in flight. Aft the panel is decorated by a fanciful design: "Under the Sea." In the forward decoration nymphs are used in conjunction with gulls. In the aft decoration the fanciful figures are mermaids in conjunction with fish. The composition of both decorations is similar, one an effect of "Over the Sea" and the other "Beneath the Sea." The carpets throughout the deck are of black, blue and bronze tone Wilton. The artificial lighting arrangement is ceiling drop lights. Most of the prominent newspapers in Canada and the United States sent special representatives on the trip, and among the large number of other prominent people present were Prince Alfred, Honorable Schreiber, Hon. J. D. Dods, Inspector of Steamboats, Toronto; Mr. J. B. Giles, Montreal, and wife; Mrs. W. J. Hanna and sister, Sarnia; Mr. Sam E. Kier, the well known humorous poet, Eye-station, Ill., and wife; Hon. J. B. MacKenzie, Board of Health, Sarnia and wife; Mr. T. P. Phelan, president Canada Railway News Company, and wife; Mr. W. A. Ritchie, district manager of the Sarnia company, Montreal, and wife; Mr. W. H. Smith, manager Canada Atlantic Transit Company and wife; Mr. C. O. Stillman, Sarnia, and wife; Mr. John R. Shaw, Woodstock, Ont., and wife; Mr. Stewart W. Parker, D. H. R., Detroit and wife.

**Ladies Bowling Club.** The annual meeting of the Ladies Bowling Club was held on Tuesday evening in the law library, County Buildings, and at which there was a good attendance. Mrs. S. S. Lazier, president of the club resigned. Mrs. W. C. Mikel, secretary, gave a statement of the season of 1913, in which was shown a success that the members have reason to be proud of. This success is in the main part, due to the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Lazier who as district president, has spared no pains or exertion for the advancement of the club.

The extending of the verandas and the planting of vines and flowers have added much to the beauty of the grounds. As the season progresses, particularly favorable for bowling, many games, tournaments, singles and doubles were played. Many handsome prizes were donated and won by different members of the club.

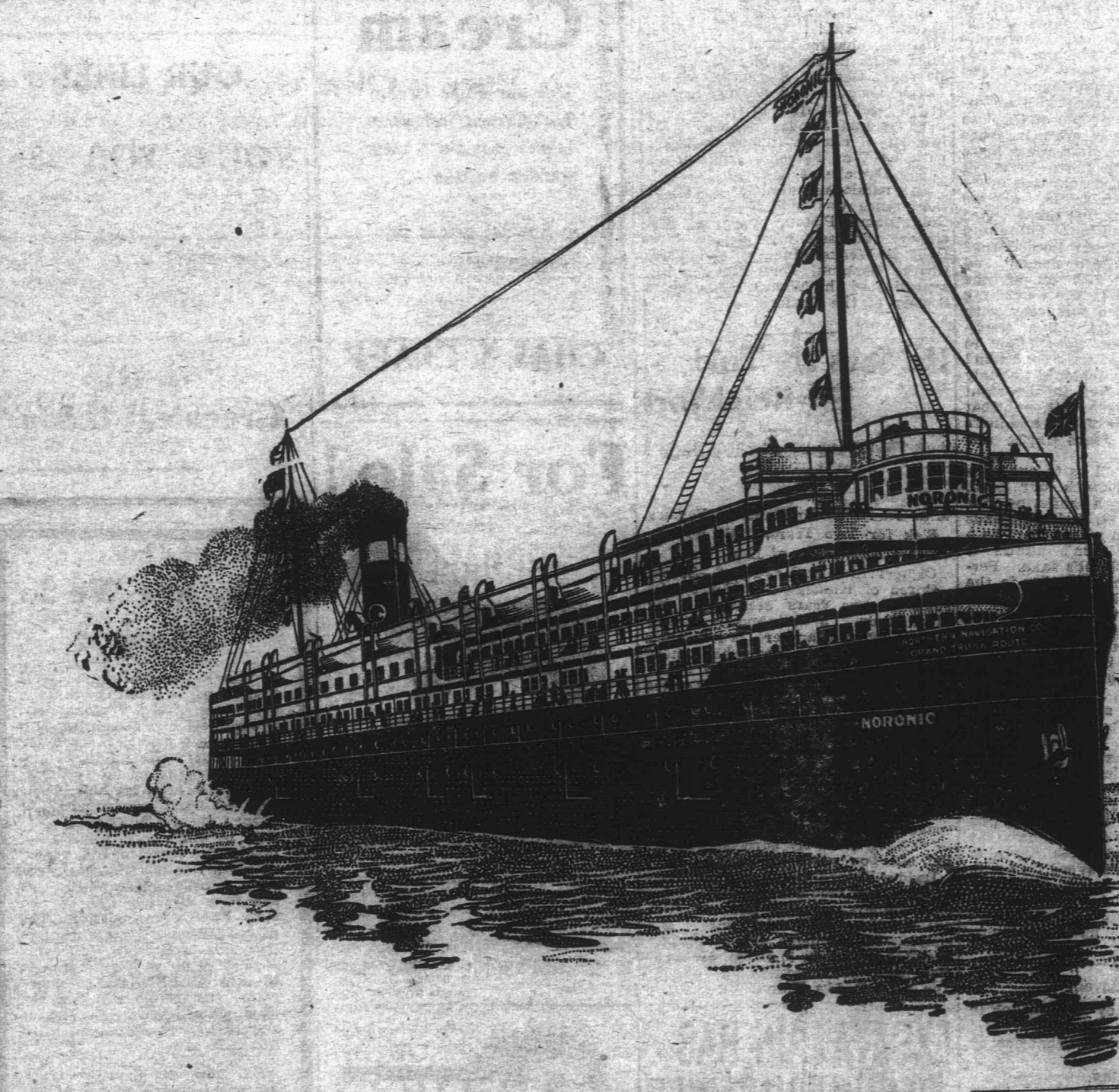
The following are the officers and committees for the season of 1914: Hon. Presidents—Mrs. Thomas Ritchie, Mrs. J. W. Johnson. President—Mrs. E. S. Lazier. Vice Presidents—Mrs. D. M. Waters, Mrs. E. G. Porter. Secretary—Mr. W. C. Mikel. Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Kinnear. Tea Committee—Convenor, Miss Josephine Parker; Members, Mrs. E. M. Sullivan, Mrs. Stewart Robertson, Mrs. W. W. Bayne. Green Committee—Convenor, Mrs. J. F. Dolan; Members, Mrs. D. M. Waters, Mrs. J. V. Jenkins, Miss Jessie Maclean.

**Court of Registration.** The court of registration for the City of Belleville under the manhood Suffrage Act will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 11, 12 and 13. The court for the hearing of appeals will be held on Saturday, June 20th. The presiding officers will be Judges Deroche and Frazer, Col. S. S. Lazier, Mr. Stewart Masson, K.C., and Mr. A. B. Walker.

**Horse Got Loose.** A bay mare was found wandering the other night on the Walker Foundry premises. It was later claimed by Mr. J. Thompson, baker.

**The Late W. S. Werden.** There passed away at Wichita, Kansas, on May 31st, of acute indigestion and weak heart, Walter E. Werden, a well-known former resident of Pictou, Ontario, and a brother of Mrs. D. J. Fairfield, of this city. The remains are being brought to Pictou for interment which is taking place today. The late Mr. Werden was the son of Asa Werden, and a grandson of Asa Werden, at one time parliamentary representative for Prince Edward County. At the time of his demise he was fifty years of age. He leaves a wife but no children.

**John Street Jottings.** Rev. C. C. Salsbury, of Seymour, Ont., and Mr. G. E. Kelly of Albert College, was present at the meeting of the Guild on Tuesday evening and contributed much to the interest of the program. The Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed on next Sunday morning, and the (Presbyterian) Service will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. D. V. Sinclair, representative elder, left yesterday to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Woodstock. Mrs. E. R. Metcalfe and son, Chariton, of Pictou spent yesterday in the city.



the architecture of the boat. The ceiling is beamed in brown oak with carved design on the edge, dividing the panels throughout, the panels being of painted canvas ornamented with a simple interlacing design in color. The lighting arrangement is by extremely soft shaded ceiling lights, so subdued that one is almost unconscious of their presence.

**Color Effects Harmonize.** Strolling forward, leaving the lobby, we enter what would seem a spacious hall with passages at right angles to the different staterooms. This portion of the boat both forms and marquetry inlay. The room is provided with a sideboard which, while large, is so perfect in scale, so cleverly designed, that one is not conscious of its remarkable size. The windows are tastefully draped with simple hangings of velvet with valances narrow in width, and colored, in harmony with the general scheme of the room. The dining tables and chairs are of mahogany and bronze, the chairs being upholstered with tapestry of the same soft green used throughout. Your attention is called to the unique arrangement in use for the serving table; it being practically a self-cooker in

traffic manager; Mr. J. Alex. Hutchison, chief medical officer, and Miss Hutchison; Mr. W. C. Chisholm, general solicitor, and wife; Mr. A. B. Smith, manager of telegraphs, and wife; Mr. L. C. Stanley, attorney, Detroit, and wife; Mr. Geo. B. Elgiano, auditor of passenger accounts, and wife; Mr. J. E. Duval, general superintendent of car service, and wife; Mr. Wm. McNab, principal assistant engineer; Mr. U. E. Gillon, general superintendent, Cleveland, and wife; Mr. A. F. Read, general freight agent and wife; Mr. J. E. Quirk, general baggage agent, and wife; Mr. W. S. Cookson, assistant general passenger agent, and wife; Mr. H. B. Charlton, general advertising agent, and wife; Mr. L. L. Grubill, assistant general baggage agent, and wife; Mr. J. D. Macdonald, assistant general passenger agent, Chicago, and wife; Mr. E. H. Boynton, New England Passenger agent, and wife; Mr. F. E. Dwyer, general agent, Passenger department, New York, and wife; Mr. James Edward, division agent, Ottawa, and wife; Mr. J. Quinlain, district passenger agent, Montreal, and wife; Mr. C. E. Hornung, district passenger agent, Toronto; Mr. W. H. Spicer, division freight agent, Detroit, and wife; Mr. R. G. S. Weatherston, division freight agent, Stratford; Mr. S. G. Wagstaff, commercial agent, Toledo, and wife.

Among the prominent transportation men present on board the "Noronic" on her initial trip were: Representing Canada Steamship Lines, Limited—Mr. James Caruthers, president; Mr. J. O. Steedman, vice president; Mr. J. W. Norcross, managing director, and wife; Mr. F. Percy Smith, secretary, and Master Smith; Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, Editor and Miss Casgrain; Mr. W. F. Cloney, general agent, Passenger Department, Buffalo; Mr. B. C. Tucker, division freight agent, Cleveland, representing Northern Navigation Company, Limited—Mr. H. B. Smith, president, and wife, Owen Sound; Mr. H. H. Gildersteeve, manager, and wife; Mr. R. V. Robinson, general freight agent, and wife; Mr. E. W. Holton, general passenger agent; Mr. R. I. Towers, attorney, and wife.

Representing Grand Trunk Railway System—Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, vice president, in charge of traffic, and wife; Mr. D. E. Galloway, assistant to the president, Montreal, and wife; Mr. A. B. Attwater, assistant to the president, Detroit, and wife; Mr. H. R. Safford, chief engineer, and wife; Mr. G. T. Bell, passenger

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