

provements. The river is from 25 to 30 ft. deep for nearly six miles from the lake, with the exception of one or two points where sand bars have been formed. There would be no difficulty, it is stated, in dredging and maintaining a channel 400 ft. wide and 22 ft. deep, for the whole six miles, and thus make Fort William one of the best natural harbors on the lakes.

Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

The Imperial Fish Co., of West Selkirk, Man., has had built a new steamer, the Wolverine. The dimensions are: length of keel, 125 ft.; length over all, 135 ft. 10 in.; breadth 25 ft.; depth, 8 ft. 10 in.

The feasibility of navigation on the Saskatchewan river, east and west of Edmonton, Alta., is being investigated by Crockett and Blum, of Forsythe, Montana. In the fall of 1902

representatives of this firm made a trip on the river, and as result have constructed a soft gasoline launch, with which a thorough survey will be made of the river to ascertain what size and character of a steamer will be most suitable for the probable traffic.

B.C. and Pacific Coast Shipping.

The Coutli Shipping Co., (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act with a capital of \$50,000 for the purpose of owning and operating steamers and other vessels and to carry on a general navigation business.

Capt. C. Hackett has been appointed to the command of the Dominion cruiser Quadra, at Victoria, B.C., succeeding Capt. Walbran. Capt. Hackett is interested in the Victoria Sealing Co. and has been navigating vessels on the B.C. coast since 1889.

The Bark Antiope Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act with a capital of \$32,000 to purchase the Antiope of Liverpool, and carry on a general navigation business. The Antiope is an iron bark, built at Port Glasgow, Scotland, in 1866, and is of 1,365 tons register.

The str. Ramona, which was wrecked near Sumas, B.C., some months ago, has been practically re-built at New Westminster, and has been again placed in service on the Fraser river. The rebuilt steamer has a draught of 20 inches aft, and 14 inches forward, about one-half the former draught.

The Ship Lord Templeton Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act, with a capital of \$70,400 to carry on a general navigation business. The Lord Templeton is now registered at Victoria, B.C., but was built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1886. She is a steel ship of 2152 tons gross.

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