

The Eastern Steamship Co.'s new str. Calvin Austin made her initial trip between Boston, Mass., and St. John, N.B., July 16.

The St. Pierre, a 75 ton steamer has recently been completed at Yarmouth, N.S. She will trade between St. Pierre, Miquelon, and Newfoundland.

Press reports state that the Canada Atlantic and Plant Steamship Co. will have a new steamer, to be named the St. John, built in Scotland, to run between Boston, Mass., St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S.

Among recent launches have been a 277 ton schooner at Parrsboro, N.S., a 250 ton barkentine at Liverpool, N.S. and a 270 ton schooner at Port Greville, N.S.

The Dominion Government has awarded a gold watch and chain to Capt. Bray, of the Boston barkentine Kremlin, for rescuing the crew of the Nova Scotian bark May in Sept., 1901.

A French firm of shipbuilders at St. Nazaire, France, proposes to establish a shipbuilding and repairing yard at St. Pierre, Miquelon, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland yards at present secure the business of this French possession.

The Dominion Atlantic Ry. has removed the offices of its marine department from Boston, Mass., to Yarmouth, N.S. Yarmouth was the headquarters of the Yarmouth Steamship Co., which was absorbed by the D. A. Ry. Co. early in 1902.

The court of enquiry into the recent grounding of the str. Halifax, in Halifax harbor, N.S., has found that the cause of the grounding was owing to her having been caught by a strong westerly current, and that the officers were in no way to blame for the accident.

Province of Quebec Shipping.

The Norwegian str. Protector, with a cargo of pulp from Chicoutimi, which was wrecked near the mouth of the Saguenay river, has been sold by the underwriters for \$3,100.

The Quebec Steamship Co. has purchased the str. Allendale in Great Britain, for the New York—West Indies run, to replace the steamer lost off the Bermuda islands, early in the year.

The Minister of Marine has ordered 25 of the latest pattern of gas buoys for the St. Lawrence channel between Montreal and Quebec. The buoys are to be put in position this season.

Capt. Fraser, of Sydney, N.S., has taken over the duties of Marine Superintendent of the Montreal Transportation Co., and is visiting the different ports between Montreal and Port Arthur.

About 440 ft. of the new wharf under construction at Father Point has been completed and it is expected to have the remaining 160 ft. completed this year. Heney & Smith are the contractors.

A fine of \$25 has been inflicted on Capt. Murray of the str. Devona, for unnecessary whistling when passing Quebec. Many residents of Quebec city are complaining of the whistling of steamers when passing up and down the river.

The Easton Steamboat Co., (Ltd.), has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act to carry on a general navigation and wrecking business. The capital of the company is fixed at \$10,000 and the offices are to be at Quebec. The incorporators are W. and I. B. Easton, of Albany, N.Y.; G. F. Gisborne, L. A. Taschereau, L. A. Cannon, of Quebec.

The Ewart Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act, with a capital of \$90,000 and offices at Montreal, to acquire the coal and ice business of J. T. Ewart, and in connection therewith to "ac-

quire tugs and other means of transport." The incorporators are J. Farquharson, G. MacL. Webster, J. T. Ewart, W. Johnston, F. Bayard, F. X. St. Onge, D. W. Lockerby, and G. Maybury, of Montreal.

The Richlieu and Ontario Navigation Co. has placed the str. Virginia in service on its Quebec-Saguenay route. The Virginia is a sister ship to the Carolina acquired by the company in 1902, and was formerly owned by the Baltimore Steam Packet Co. The Virginia is an iron steamer, built at Wilmington, Del., in 1879, her dimensions being: length, 251 ft.; breadth, 34 ft.; depth, 7 ft. 9 in.; tonnage gross 990 tons; register, 666 tons. She is fitted with a single cylinder vertical beam engine; boiler, five ft. by eleven ft., and develops 800 h.p., nominal.

Ontario and the Great Lakes.

The Dominion Government lightship tender Arabian went ashore recently on Pigeon island, near Kingston, Ont.

Local reports in Hamilton credit the Hamilton Steamboat Co. with having decided to have a new steamer built on the Clyde and to sell the Macassa as soon as the new steamer is ready.

It is currently reported in Hamilton that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a turbine steamer to be brought out from Scotland and operated between Hamilton and Toronto.

The Northern Navigation Co. is considering the building of a steamer for the local excursion trade on Georgian bay. At present there is not a steamer available for this special traffic.

The Colonial Portland Cement Co. has deposited plans with the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, for a large dock which it proposes to construct on Colpoy's bay, near Warton, Ont.

The G.T.R. car ferry Lansdowne has been thoroughly overhauled, fitted with new boilers, and a fourth smoke-stack added. The Lansdowne is used on the Detroit river between Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Ont.

The Dominion Government has granted a gratuity of \$1,050 to Capt. McGregor, of Goderich, on his retiring from the command of the hydrographic survey steamer Bayfield, recently sold out of the service, and replaced by a larger and more powerful steamer.

The Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Lake Simcoe Navigation Co. has placed its new str. Maple Leaf in service. The Maple Leaf has a length of 56 ft., a breadth of 11 ft., and is fitted with fore and aft compound engines, 6 in. and 12 in. cylinders, by 19-in. stroke.

The second of the new steamers ordered in Great Britain by the Montreal Transportation Co., has arrived at Kingston from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng. She is named the Fairmount, and is a sister ship to the Westmount, dimensions of which were given in our last issue.

The opening of the Canadian Northern Ry. to Port Arthur, Ont., is responsible for the shipping of white pine from the Rainy River district to Scotland, for shipbuilding purposes. Sixteen carloads of white pine were recently received at Port Arthur and shipped to Glasgow, via Quebec.

The str. Lawrence, of the Thousand Islands Steamboat Co., broke her walking beam, while running at full speed in midchannel July 15, and considerable damage was done to the machinery and upper works before the engine could be stopped. The St. Lawrence will be repaired at Kingston.

The Dominion Parliament has passed an act settling the title to certain lands in Hamilton, over which a mortgage was given to the Crown in 1832 in connection with the construction of the Desjardins canal, from Ham-

ilton to Dundas. The act declares the lands to be discharged from any claim under the mortgage.

The U.S. courts at Rochester, N.Y., have given a decision in favor of W. L. & H. W. Visger Co., who sought docking rights at Alexander's Bay, N.Y., where the Thousand Islands Steamboat Co., Kingston, Ont., claimed special rights. H. S. Folger, General Manager of the T.I.S. Co., says that the decision will be appealed against.

The Canadian Northwest Steamship Co. has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act, to carry on a general navigation business on the Great Lakes and adjacent waters and on the high seas. The capital is placed at \$250,000, and the head offices are to be at Port Arthur, Ont. The incorporators are G. T. Marks, H. A. Wiley, F. S. Wiley, G. M. Murray, of Port Arthur, and H. Cassels, K.C., of Toronto.

The str. White Star, of Toronto, which had been undergoing extensive repairs at the Polson Iron Works after a recent accident to her machinery, was removed to her dock, July 10, to resume her route to Oakville on the following day. During the night fire broke out and the steamer was completely destroyed. The steamer is valued at \$40,000, and insurance of \$25,000 was carried. The Oakville Navigation Co. chartered the str. Niagara for the service, pending the purchase or building of another steamer.

The str. W. D. Matthews, for the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steam Navigation Co., was launched at Collingwood recently. Her dimensions are: length over all, 375 ft.; breadth, 48 ft.; depth of hold, 28 ft.; register tonnage, 3,959 tons; deadweight capacity, 5,500 tons on a draught of 13 ft., and 6,100 on a draught of 19 ft. She is fitted with three pole masts, three derricks and three steam hoists to facilitate the handling of freight. The engines are triple expansion with cylinders 20 in., 33½ in. and 55 in. diameter, by 40 in. piston stroke, and steam is supplied by two Scotch boilers 14 ft. diameter by 12 ft. long.

The Canadian Transit Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies' Act to carry on a general transportation business, and for that purpose to acquire steam and other vessels; to construct piers, wharves, etc.; to enter into an agreement with the New Canadian Co. for the purchase of its undertaking. The capital of the company is fixed at \$1,000,000, and the head office is to be at Ottawa. The incorporators are: R. Bickerdike, marine underwriter; A. Lemieux, C. N. Blakely, steamship agents; R. Lemieux, K.C., all of Montreal; C. B. K. Carpenter, of London, Eng. Some of the incorporators are also promoters of the New Canadian Co. (see under Railway Development, etc.) R. Bickerdike states that the company has five steamers are being built in England for the company's grain-carrying trade between Montreal and Port Arthur, and that a number of barges will be purchased.

The total freight passing through the Canadian and the U.S. canals at Sault Ste. Marie, in June, was 5,105,078 tons, against 4,721,608 tons in June, 1902. The figures for the Canadian canal are:

	1903.	1902.	Increase or Decrease.
April	159,763 tons	190,926 tons	31,163 tons—
May	636,747 "	314,262 "	322,485 " +
June	917,105 "	1,118,564 "	201,459 " +
	1,713,615 tons	1,623,752 tons	89,863 tons—
	+ increase.	— decrease.	

A committee has been appointed by the board of trade of Fort William to act with J. Conmee, M.L.A., in bringing the claims of the port for improvement before the Dominion Government. It is claimed that the development of the port is being hindered by reason of the small amount of money voted for im-