

THE ATLANTIC'S FIRST TRIP.

The Chatham Evening Banner says: The city and county are to be congratulated on the establishing of what may be one of the most successful enterprises, both socially and commercially that we have in our midst. The Great Northern Transit Company has been persuaded to put on one of their fine passenger boats between Erieau and Cleveland. Manager Cameron was brought here by Manager J. J. Ross, of the E. & H., and Hugh Malcolmson and others. After looking over the the prospects, Mr. Cameron decided to bring the Atlantic here. He came here a few days ago and ordered the boat to leave Collingwood on Thursday evening. She arrived at the Eau at 7 p.m. Saturday, and took an excursion party to Cleveland.

Messrs. Cameron and Ross invited a number of citizens to accompany them on the Atlantic's trial trip. Among those who accepted the invitation were Hugh Malcolmson, J. A. Walker, Dr. D. G. Fleming, W. E. Rispin, W. H. Harper, Chas. Hadley, Geo. Malcolmson, N. W. Ford of The Banner, and E. McKay of the Ridgetown Plaindealer. The party left the E. & H. depot at 7 p.m. and found the Atlantic at the piers.

The evening being delightfully cool at the piers it was decided not to leave till about midnight, which was done and after a cool night's sail the Atlantic arrived in Cleveland at 5 a.m. She returned leaving there in the forenoon and arriving at the piers about 2.30 p.m., having on board a good number of Cleveland people. Messrs. Cameron, Ross, Malcolmson, and Hadley remained till to day. The Atlantic will leave the Eau every evening during this season and returning every day leaving Cleveland about 9 a.m.

The Atlantic is owned by the well-known and popular Great Northern Transit Company running from Collingwood to the Soo, companion boats being the Majestic and Pacific. She is 150 feet long and 750 tons burden. She is one of the strongest and best sea going propellers on the lakes. She is absolutely safe and fast. She can make the trip from the Eau to Cleveland in from four to five hours. She is fitted up with all the modern improvements in machinery, compound engines, lighted with electricity throughout; fine dining room, with the best cuisine, equal to any of the steamship lines, and everything is obtained daily fresh and clean. The staterooms are large, well ventilated, nicely furnished with electric light in each. The steamer has a license to carry three hundred passengers and will form an important link in our lake and river steamship system. She is commanded by Capt. J. Wilson; Chief Mate, F. Moles; Chief Engineer, J. Astor; Purser, S. McClelland, all of Collingwood, and old employees of the Great Northern Transit Co. There is a good staff of assistants in every department so that the wants of all the passengers are well looked after. The ladies' cabin is nicely furnished containing a fine piano. The boat is well painted throughout, inside and outside, so that everything is in a neat, clean and inviting condition all of which assist in making a trip on the Atlantic most pleasant. Many Chatham people will remember with pleasure Purser McClelland, as he has been on the Soo Line for many years. Mr. McClelland will be pleased to renew former acquaintances. A very pleasant evening was spent with Captain Wilson in his private rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brydon, of Bank of Commerce, Collingwood, came on the boat and took in the Cleveland trip. The prospects are bright for a good passenger and freight business between here and Cleveland.

Much credit is due to Manager J. J. Ross, of the E. & H. in securing such a fine outing for our people. The Banner wishes the new enterprise complete success.