

## Marine News.

It is announced that President Ferdie Nicholls, of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway and Navigation Company, will place another steamer on the route between Toronto and Port Dalhousie in 1907. It will be a twin-screw steamer, and will be built by the Canadian Shipbuilding Company, at the foot of Bathurst street, Toronto.

At a meeting of the Dominion Marine Association held in Toronto on Wednesday, the main topics of discussion were the car shortage, the minimum rate next season from Fort William to Montreal, and the appointment of a Government inspector at lower lake ports. They urge the establishment of a grain clearing house at Fort William, to speed the departure of cargoes.

A new minimum rate of 21-20 between Fort William and Georgian Bay ports was fixed. The association men deny that they are "combinesters." They have merely established a minimum rate to facilitate shipping and prevent cut-throat competition. The carriers feel that, when navigation opens, the natural condition of the shipping trade will give them a higher rate than the minimum they have discussed.

Among those in attendance were J. A. Cottle, of the Montreal Transportation Co.; Frank Plummer, Canadian Lake and Ocean Co.; A. B. McKay, Hamilton, representing Montreal interests; and Messrs Playfair, Millard; Hagarty, Toronto; Williamson, Niagara Falls; McKee, Toronto; King, Kingston; Fairgrove, Hamilton.

Capt. J. H. Scott, of the steamer Persia, has retired after fifty-two years' service as a lake sailor. For thirty-eight years he was captain.

The Masters' and Mates' Association and Collingwood Council of I. A. of Marine Engineers have opened rooms in Ganley's block, Huron St.

The large steel freighter Strathcona was moved across the harbor from the town wharf this week to make way for the workmen on the new wharf.