

MARINE.

The little tug Pearl owned by the Mill Lake Navigation Co., has been brought from the inland lakes upon which she has been used, to the Georgian Bay. She will work to Parry Sound.

The Parry Sound Yachting Fleet has purchased the tug J. D. Hammill from J. Perks & Son of Meaford. The steamer Emma of the fleet slipped off the ways last week and filled, setting on the bottom. She has since been raised, little the worse of the dip.

The Department of Public Works has awarded contracts for dredging work to be done for the Dominion Government this season in Ontario. The largest jobs are at Port Arthur and Fort William. The latter goes to the Great Lakes Dredging Company and the former to Messrs. Weddell, Randolph, MacDonnall, Poupore and McAuliffe. The other contracts are: Owen Sound and Penetang, H. F. Bowan; Meaford, R. Weddell; Goderich, W. L. Horton; Point Edward, Dominion Dredging and Construction Co; Fesserton, Owen Sound Dredging and Construction Company.

The Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co. have announced the opening service to be as follows:—The Hamilton-Montreal Line — Commencing May 1st, steamers leave Hamilton 4.30 a.m., and Toronto 4.30 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, for the Bay of Quinte ports, Thousand Islands, Montreal, and intermediate ports. Toronto-Montreal Line — Commencing June 2nd, steamers leave Toronto 3.30 p.m. daily, except Sunday; from July 1st daily, for Rochester, Thousand Islands, Rapids of the St. Lawrence, Montreal and intermediate ports. The Montreal-Quebec and Saguenay Line boats are now in commission.

The new tug which Morrill & Andrews are building on the town wharf for the Lake Superior Tug Co., is ready for launching, but is held back owing to a delay in the arrival of the bed plate of the engine. This is to be installed before the boat is slipped off the ways. It is expected in a few days.

While passing the Limekiln Crossing in the Detroit River on Wednesday, the steering gear of the str. Midland Queen became disabled, causing her to sheer into the str. W. G. Mather. She struck the Mather and glancing off cut into a dredge scow, sinking it. The bow of the Queen was badly damaged and she will have to go on dry dock.

The steamer Canada came over from Owen Sound on Wednesday to go on the dry dock for bottom repairs.