

# Marine

The tug Salver, owned by the Reid Wrecking Co., which sunk last winter while lying at the dock at Holland, Mich., has been raised and taken to Sarnia. The accident was caused by an open sea cock.

After spending three weeks on the dry dock the steel freighter Iroquois got away on Sunday afternoon for the Soo. The repairs to the steamer made necessary by the accident in the Soo River proved more extensive than at first anticipated and included several new plates. The place of the Iroquois was immediately taken by the Strathmore, which has been lying in the Hurontario street slip for ten days.

The tug Andrew J. Smith brought the dredge Kingsford and two scows owned by the Boone Dredging Co. down from Port Arthur. The dredge will be used on the Government work here. The tug A. V. Crawford also came down from Port Arthur and after a few days here will go on to Collingwood.—Soo News.

The str. Erin is lying in water 45 to 50 feet deep and is reported not to be a menace to navigation.

Although the strike during May had a tendency to materially lessen freight through the "Soo" ship canals, the monthly report shows that the decrease from the May traffic of last year was less than 500,000 tons. Last year the May tonnage was 5,775,787 tons, this year it is 5,339,278 tons.

The total to date is 7,852,545 tons, against 7,075,953 for the first two months last year, having an increase of nearly 800,000 tons. At this rate June should be another record-breaker, and the year promises to come near the 50,000,000 mark.

During the month 8,834,407 bushels of wheat passed the Soo, besides 6,056,533 bushels of other grain. The iron ore tonnage was 3,916,592. The lumber traffic amounted to 125,419 thousand feet board measure, and the down-bound tonnage of general merchandise 23,594 tons, and flour, 669,520 barrels.

The principal items in the up-bound traffic were: Coal, 750,603 tons; general merchandise, 117,576 tons.

Over 3,000 passengers were carried. The west-bound tonnage was 717,451 tons, east-bound, 4,621,827 tons. Vessel passages numbered 2,762.

Messrs. F. W. Churchill & Co. received a telegram on Monday morning from Mr. R. S. Fisher, stating that the tug Saucy Jim had been damaged by fire. The telegram said the house had been burned, but gave no particulars as to where the tug was. Mr. Fisher expected to reach here yesterday. The tug has been engaged freighting lumber between Byng Inlet and Parry sound.

In a memorial to the Dominion Government the Dominion Marine Association asks for numerous aids to navigation. Among others are:

Surprise Shoal, Georgian Bay.—Gas or gas and whistling buoys should be placed at one or both ends of this shoal.

Hops Island and Giant's Tomb, Etc.—A strong recommendation is made that some kind of modern power fog alarms should be installed where there is nothing but hand power used at various points on Georgian Bay. Special reference is made to the needs of Hops Island and Giant's Tomb.

Point Porphyry, Lake Superior.—A power fog horn is required here, and of such a character as to be easily distinguished from that at Thunder Cape.

Michipicoten Island.—A light and fog horn are suggested again, for the benefit of vessels which may take this route down the lake, as is often done.

North shore, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.—Attention is called to the advantage of this route over the more exposed open crossing of the Bay and Lake in stormy weather, and while men with great local knowledge now navigate with safety the request is made that consideration be given to the advisability of protecting this route by lights, buoys and other aids where necessary, in order to make it of general use.

The name of the steamer Leech of Toronto, official number 2735, has been changed to Premier; that of the steamer Robert A. Pecker, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., official number 117,032, has been changed to Batchewana; that of the steamer Gordon Campbell of Chburg., Ont., official number 116,811, has been changed to Strathmore, and that of the City of Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Ont., official number 107,708, has been changed to Erieville, by Order-in-Council.

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