

# MARINE.

The list of shipping of the Department of Marine and Fisheries shows that on Dec. 31st, 1905, seventy-six vessels were on the registry books at this port. Of this number 73 were steamers with a gross tonnage of 10,065 tons and a net tonnage of 7,241. Midland has seven steamers to its credit with a gross tonnage of 4,177 tons; Owen Sound 39, gross tonnage 3,816 tons; Goderich 37, gross tonnage 2,477 tons, and Sarnia 34, gross tonnage 10,697. The total gross tonnage of the vessels of the province is 178,848 tons, as compared with 174,430 tons in 1904.

The A. S. S. Co.'s steamer King Edward went into commission on Wednesday, leaving the Soo for Toledo. Capt. William Bamrose is again in charge.

The Duluth Herald says: "Every member of the Pittsburg Steamship Company's wrecking crew at work on the stranded steamer Crescent City, at Lakewood, is suffering from what appears to be ptomaine poisoning. None is seriously ill, but all are practically unable to work and several are confined to their beds. Those most seriously ill are Capt. W. W. Smith, marine superintendent for the Pittsburg Co., and the head of the wrecking crew at Lakewood. The cause of the epidemic of illness among the wreckers has not been determined yet. It seems to be shrouded with mystery. The sick ones have been under the care of physicians for several days, but no one is sure yet what caused the trouble. Harris Bennett, deputy state dairy and food commissioner, visited the Crescent City and examined the meat, canned goods and milk in the wrecking camp. Samples have been sent to St. Paul, where they will be analyzed." The friends of Capt. Smith hope that his illness will not prove serious and that he will soon be able to assume his duties.

The officers of the Owen Sound Park Co.'s steamer Canada for the season of 1906 have been chosen as follows: Captain, Arch. McKinnon; 1st mate, D. McIntyre; engineer, E. J. Riley.

When the tug Clipper which went down near the Bustard Islands some weeks ago was brought to Midland, it was found that she had not struck a rock, but had sprung a plank by being knocked about in the heavy seas. She is being repaired. Her machinery is safe, but the hull will practically have to be built over.

The steamer Huronic came off the dry dock on Thursday and has resumed her place on her regular run between Sarnia and Duluth. The Majestic will return here.

The new steamer City of Meaford made her trial trip on Victoria Day.

The rules of the road for navigation on the Great Lakes have been amended so as to provide that a steam vessel over 150 feet register length, when under way, shall carry an additional white light visible all round the horizon at a distance of, at least, three miles. These two lights shall be so placed in line with the keel that one shall be at least fifteen feet higher than the other, and in such a position with reference to each other that the lower light shall be forward of the upper one. The vertical distance between these lights shall be less than the horizontal distance.

The small gasoline launch I'll See has been purchased by the Fishery Department and placed on the St. Clair River. Another is promised to take the place of the Gilphie.

Engineers of the Goderich Lumber Co are here fitting out the Gilphie. When ready for sea the little steamer will go around to Goderich.

The steamer City of Midland made a special trip to Point aux Baril on Sunday evening, returning on Monday to Meaford to bring a moonlight from there to Collingwood.

The steamer Bermuda arrived in port on Saturday evening from Chicago with a cargo of 65,000 bushels of corn. This is the first cargo of American grain to reach port this season. The Bermuda is a stranger in this port. She is one of the wooden class of steamers which were so popular on the lakes a decade ago.

The steamer Majestic returned to this port on Sunday afternoon, having completed her trips to Lake Superior in place of the steamer Huronic.

The little passenger steamer Mappo came over from Parry Sound on Monday afternoon to go on the dry dock for hull repairs. Upon coming off the dock the steamer will return to Parry Sound and go on her regular trips between that port and Point aux Baril.