

T BIG STEAMER READY

Emperor will Sail Next Monday

The tug Stalker went up to the Westerns last week and after setting nets returned on Saturday. Those on board report considerable ice along the eastern shore.

The fishing tug Alice G. cleared for the Minx Island on Monday and will engage in the fishing industry there.

The honor of opening navigation through the Soo River is this year divided between the Western Transit steamers Rochester and Buffalo. They passed on Saturday.

The str. Drummond opened navigation at Sault Ste. Marie Thursday, when she cleared for Michipicoten. Owing to ice the steamer was compelled to return and went to Lake Erie for coal instead.

The big freighter Emperor is all ready to go into commission and is expected to leave on Monday next. Capt. George Pearson is in charge.

The attention of the Marine Department has been drawn to the delay in respect to the setting out of the harbor buoys. The contract for this work expired last fall, when the Department transferred it to the steamer Simcoe or Lambton of the buoy and light-house service on the Georgian Bay. Collingwood harbor has now been open a couple of weeks and several boats have arrived and departed, yet there is no word of either of the steamers of the Marine Department coming to put the buoys in their place. Fortunately no accidents have occurred, though the absence of the buoys, doubtless owing to the good condition of the channel and the harbor.

The U. S. Canal at the Soo was opened for navigation on Monday with a draft of 17 feet 5 inches, the lowest stage of water since the opening of the canal.

The Newona, Capt. J. Moles, was the first steamer to clear from Detroit Harbor this spring. It got away on Monday for Fort William.

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