

The Reid Wrecking Co. have left the wrecked steamer Moreland on the rocks in Lake Superior to salve, if possible, the steamer Richardson at Buffalo. The Moreland has been on the rocks since last fall and is now in bad shape being broken in two places. Later another attempt will be made to save the steamer.

The contract to erect 600 feet of breakwater at Goderich which was awarded to Michael Connolly, of Montreal, last autumn, has been sub-let to Contractor Birmingham. It is expected that Mr. Birmingham will start work shortly. F. J. Naegle, of Colborne, has been appointed inspector of the work on the breakwater.

The inside channel on the east side of Georgian Bay will be closed this summer, owing to the improvements that are being made at two mile, five mile and seven mile narrows. This will interfere with boating this season, but will be a great improvement when completed. The Boone Co. steam dredge that has been at Parry Sound all winter is being fitted up and will start work in a few days. The water is about three feet lower than it was a few years ago.

Mr. George Gillson has been appointed purser of the Nor. Nav. Co.'s steamer Majestic which will go into commission in June. Capt. W. G. Cox will sail the steamer.

The first cargo of American grain to come to Collingwood this season arrived by the steamer Bulgaria on Monday afternoon. It consisted of 92,000 bushels of corn.

Half a million miniature trout were taken from the Government hatchery at Warton and deposited near Squaw Point, Owen Sound bay. Over 2,000,000 were deposited in the vicinity of Griffiths Island, White Cloud Island, and Meaford.

The business of the Georgian Bay Shipbuilding and Wrecking Co. at Midland has so increased that it has been found necessary to extend its premises and Mr. Dolson has purchased about twenty acres of land across the bay with a good water frontage. This will be admirably adapted for the establishment of a shipyard for the pulling out of vessels for repairs and the building of new vessels. The purchase was made from Mr. George Smith. The yard will be suitably equipped for the purpose.

The new work to be commenced this season in the harbor of Port Arthur by the Dominion Government will consist of the building of a breakwater at Bare Point to protect the entrance to the dry dock. Plans for the work have been sent to the Government engineer and it is expected that the contract for the construction will be let shortly. The breakwater is to be 3,200 feet in length and will consist of a concrete superstructure with wooden piers. The dredging to be done would be the completion of a twenty-five foot channel five hundred feet in width to the Thunder Bay elevator.

The Inland Navigation Co. have asked the Port William Industrial Bureau to grant them a loan of \$50,000 for five years to assist in the construction of a wharf. The scheme is to establish at Westport a large freight terminal, and there to tranship all freight from their steamers for points in the West. The company are willing to pay the interest charges on the loan and they offer a mortgage on the property. They are asking for no exemption of taxes nor for any site or money bonus, but simply a loan.

It has been announced from Ottawa that the Kingston Shipbuilding Company has been awarded the contract for the building of the new Government steamer Dollard. The boat will be used in connection with the lighthouse and buoy service in the Montreal district. The contract price is around \$160,000.