

was to call on the run from Dunnville to the Soo.

It is to be assumed that Owen Sound was to be a regular port of call for KALOOLAH. The "Comet" of May 20, 1853, reported the first visit of the steamer: "We had the pleasure of welcoming the steamer KALOOLAH in port last Saturday. This is the finest boat that ever entered our harbour, and is intended to run the usual trips on the old Northern Route, between Sault Ste. Marie, and Sturgeon Bay, by the enterprising proprietor Charles Thompson, Esq. Captain McGregor, the very popular and gentlemanly Commander of former seasons, will be found on the KALOOLAH as obliging as ever."

However, as great as the prospects appeared, there were to be many protracted delays in her schedule during the 1853 season. Problems with her engine likely were the cause of erroneous reports that she was wrecked on Georgian Bay in mid-July. Then, on August 25, the "Goderich Huron Signal" carried the following story: "The British steamer KALOOLAH, plying between this place (Owen Sound?) and Penetanguishene, or Sturgeon Bay, broke her crank-pin on her way up last week. She was some distance below Manitouwaning (sic) where the accident occurred, and they were obliged to send back to Toronto to repair the damages, while some of the passengers came to this place in bark canoes and other small boats. We learn from Angus McDonnell, Esq., who came up this morning from the steamer, that Captain McGregor expected to lose only one trip, and would be on hand to leave here on her regular trip the first of next week."

Another breakdown occurred early in November of 1853. KALOOLAH was overdue for such an extended period of time that fear began to mount that she had been lost. On Tuesday, November 14, the "Buffalo Daily Courier" reported: "The 'Toronto Globe' says the steamer KALOOLAH, which plies between Penetanguishene and the Soo, has not been heard from in some 10 days, and fears are entertained that she has foundered with all on board".

On November 17, the "Buffalo Daily Republic" stated: "The 'Toronto North American' says: -'We are happy to hear that the steamer KALOOLAH is safe at the Manitoulin Island. Her machinery is damaged, and part of it was received in this city on Saturday evening for repair.'"

The "Owen Sound Comet" also carried news of the situation, as it reported on November 18, 1853, that KALOOLAH "has not been running for two weeks owing to some injury sustained on her downward trip somewhere about the Manitoulin Islands. Immediate steps were taken to put her in running order which we hope will soon be. A large quantity of goods are still at Sturgeon Bay and Orillia, intended for this place, and a great quantity of stuff intended for Sault Ste. Marie is still here."

The next issue of this weekly journal reported: "The 'Globe' of the 18th inst., says of this steamer: 'A new crank is been preparing (sic) with all speed, and will be despatched from Toronto tomorrow morning (19th inst.). There are seventy passengers now at Sturgeon Bay, waiting for passage to the Sault Ste. Marie. The agent of the Company assures us that the KALOOLAH will make one more trip to and from the Sault, when her repairs are completed.'"

Two weeks later, the residents of Owen Sound were still waiting for the ship to make an appearance. The "Comet" reported on December 9th: "Some Cocnawaga Indians, living about twelve miles down the Bay, saw the KALOOLAH passing down towards Sturgeon Bay on Sunday last. They were near enough to distinguish the upper deck, and say she was moving very slowly, probably in consequence of her machinery being yet out of order. We will know in a few days whether she will make another trip to our port (before) this winter." Unfortunately, we have no further details of this incident, nor of whether or not she was able to provide further service to bring a happier ending to the season of 1853 to those who depended upon her for essential transportation.

In the autumn of 1854, a writer from England, on a tour of Canada, recorded