

filed this story. "A new route was opened yesterday, from this point to Buffalo direct, via Goderich and the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway - a direct route of some fifteen hours, eight of which is by steamer, on which one may pass a pleasant night, and taking the railroad at 4 A.M. reach Buffalo at 9 P.M. the same day. The steamer KALOO LAH has arrived here (Saginaw) and departed on her first trips, and will return tomorrow, bringing the Mayor of Goderich and the agent of the road; and hereafter her trips will be regular, so as to connect with the road. By this route a person may leave here and reach Buffalo as soon as the mail goes to Detroit. The arrival of this first steamer was greeted with salvos of artillery and cheers and huzzas of the citizens, who are of course delighted after being shut up here so long, they are finally to have avenues for their lumber and commerce in all directions."

Capt. A. N. McGregor, mentioned earlier, performed an act of heroism to save his ship while she was running on this service, and this was described in The Question of a Harbour of Refuge on the Canadian Coast of Lake Huron, Discussed at Some Length by the Inverhuron Harbour Committee, County of Bruce, published in 1869. A section of this book was devoted to revealing how insecure was the anchorage behind Chantrey (sic) Island. (This is how the Island's name was spelled throughout the discussion.) Chantry Island is located two miles southwest of the mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton, Ontario.

The book noted that "The true value of the anchorage so called, at Chantrey Island, can be best estimated by the following narrative of facts: - In the year 1856, the steamer MAZEPPA, at that time plying between Southampton and Detroit, while at anchor inside of Chantrey Island, during a gale dragged her anchor, stranded under the lee of the island, and went to pieces.

"Some years later, the steamer KALOO LAH, while running on the Goderich and Southampton route, and under the command of Capt. A. M. McGregor, a thorough sailor, well acquainted with the entire Lake Huron coast, was caught in a gale, in a similar manner, while at anchor in the same place. Steam was kept up and the paddlewheels kept moving to relieve the strain upon the anchors; but notwithstanding this, she commenced to drag her anchors during the night, and would, no doubt, have gone ashore and to pieces had not the captain, with much intrepidity, made a small line fast around his body and swam ashore to the breakwater on the north end of the island, then hauled ashore a larger hawser which he made fast to a post, thus further relieving the strain on the anchors; so that by the combined power of anchors, steam and land hawser, he succeeded in saving the vessel."

Research by the late Fred Landon resulted in an article entitled "The Canadian Steam Packet Service of the Upper Lakes", by Dr. W. R. Wightman, that appeared in the Winter 1990 issue of "Inland Seas". From this, we have that Goderich businessmen T. E. Van Every and George Rumball leased the KALOO LAH in the spring of 1860. She was scheduled to run from Goderich to Southampton three times a week.

The following advertisement appeared in the "Goderich Huron Signal" on June 27, 1860: "Goderich to Sarnia & Port Huron, Kincardine, Saugeen, &c. 1860 Spring Arrangements. The Splendid, 1st Class, Upper Cabin, Side-wheel Steamer KALOO LAH (Captain Duncan Rowan) Will run as follows, until further notice, commencing on the opening of navigation. Will leave Goderich for Saugeen, calling at Kincardine, Port Head, Inverhuron, Baie du-Dard and Port Elgin (weather permitting) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7 o'clock A.M. Returning will leave Saugeen (calling as above) at 3 o'clock P.M. same days. Will leave Goderich for Sarnia and Port Huron, (On the arrival of train from the East on Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway) on the evenings of Monday and Wednesday, arriving on Tuesday and Thursday mornings respectively, in time to connect with Ward's Line of Steamers to Detroit and morning train on Grand Trunk Railway. Returning will leave Sarnia for Goderich (on arrival of Ward's Steamer from Detroit and train on Grand Trunk Railway) on