

LAH has been thoroughly overhauled, repaired and painted; her engines and boilers have been overhauled and refitted and she is, altogether, better than ever. She has superior cabin and stateroom accommodation (having been fitted with 15 additional staterooms), and large carrying capacity."

The July 16, 1862, issue of the same newspaper carried the following advertisement: "Grand Pleasure Excursion to the Georgian Bay! North Channel, Bruce Mines, Sault Ste. Marie, and Mackinaw, and Lake Superior, if desired. The steamer KALOOLAH, D. Rowan, master, will give an Excursion as above, calling at all places of interest along the Shore and Islands. The time occupied will be about twelve days, and as the fare has been put at a very low rate, the whole cost of the trip will be only about equal to the first-class hotel rates per day. Single Ticket \$25; Double Ticket, Lady & Gent, \$45.

"Every facility will be afforded for landing passengers at all the different points of interest on the route. As only a limited number of passengers will be taken, in order to secure the comfort of those on board, early application is requested- Arrangements have been made with the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Company to carry the Excursionists from the different stations along the line at half fare, arriving in Goderich on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 6 P.M.

"The KALOOLAH will leave Goderich at 7 A.M. on Wednesday, July 30th. Application for tickets to be made to Messrs. Van Every and Rumball, Goderich, C.W. July 14th, 1862."

The excursion on the lake should have been very popular, as an extensive drought was baking the area to a crisp. The threat of fire was severe and many farms had already lost fence lines, barns and, in some cases, everything. The villages of Malta and Port Bruce in Baie du-Dard had been incinerated earlier that same month. We wonder, however, whether some area residents might have been afraid to leave their homes unattended for fear of fire raging unchecked in the area while they were away on a steamboat excursion.

The loss of KALOOLAH came soon after this excursion took place. On Sunday, August 17, 1862, the Canadian brigantine SIR CHARLES NAPIER went ashore a short distance north of the mouth of the Saugeen River. A telegram sent to Goderich prompted KALOOLAH to be sent out the next day to the rescue and, unfortunately for her owners, to her doom. The "Kincardine Commonwealth" of August 21, 1862, carried the following report: "We regret to learn that the splendid steamer KALOOLAH, which had become a favourite along this coast, met with a serious accident at Southampton on Monday last, which it is feared has rendered her as totally useless.

"In assisting to pull off a vessel in distress, the hawser broke while the engine was on full power. The consequence was, that she made a fearful plunge forward, striking a large boulder in her course, which stove a hole into her hull and wheeled her around on to a sand bar where she now lies. Her spirited and deserving owners on hearing of the accident, immediately put their new steamer BRUCE on the route.

"We understand that the KALOOLAH was sufficiently insured to cover the loss, which we trust is not so serious as represented..."

The stranded ship could not be got off without the help of a tug, and so the MAGNET was called up from Detroit. The "Sarnia Observer" of August 29, 1862, reported the final destruction of KALOOLAH, excerpted as follows: "She lay in this position until the end of last week, when the tug MAGNET... came to her assistance. But on Friday (August 22), a storm arose, and about midnight she broke in two, and went to pieces, nothing being saved from the wreck. The KALOOLAH was a very old boat (sic), a sort of floating coffin, and it is very fortunate that no lives were lost when she did go under... She was insured for the full value \$10,000, so that the owners will not lose anything by the disaster. It is reported that the old steamer ISLANDER, now called the BRUCE, is to be placed permanently on the route." (Readers will recall that ISLANDER/BRUCE was featured in "Scanner" as Ship of the Month No. 160 in the