

BROCKVILLE ran into a spot of trouble later that season as the "Daily British Whig", of Monday, September 8th, reported. "While rounding a curve as St. Helan's Point, about six miles from Alexandria Bay, on Sunday afternoon the steamer BROCKVILLE, the popular Island wanderer, with a large crowd of excursionists on board, ran on a shoal and was not released for over an hour. The little steamer has become famous this year for its trips through channels which cannot be used by larger vessels, and it was while going through one of the narrowest of these where the leaves on the trees can almost be picked from the deck of the boat that the shoal was struck. It was seen that the boat was in no danger and with the assistance of campers in the vicinity the boat was pulled off by means of ropes. It was an hour, however, before the journey was continued, and in the meantime some of the younger folk had a very jolly time singing popular songs inside."

There were many mentions of BROCKVILLE in the "Whig" during 1919. In the fall, she was reported carrying canned goods from Picton and Bay of Quinte ports to Kingston. Then, on April 13, 1920, BROCKVILLE was purchased by the Kingston Navigation Company Ltd., which had operated the steamer under charter during 1919. The company continued to run her transshipping freight from the Bay of Quinte and Amherst Island to Kingston, and she was to continue in this owner's service for more than a decade.

The Macgillivray paper says: "On Saturdays and Sundays during July and August, except in 1920 and 1921 when a larger boat (which one?) was used, the BROCKVILLE carried passengers from Kingston on sightseeing trips through the Wonderland of the Thousand Islands. She went down the Canadian side through channels with such intriguing names as the Fiddler's Elbow, Benson's Rift, the Needle's Eye, the Lost Channel and the Raft Narrows. She then crossed over to Alexandria Bay where an hour's stop was made and returned up the American channel. On one of these trips she ran aground in a very narrow channel but managed to get herself off without any damage except to the captain's pride. Another time she went aground on a shoal off Alexandria Bay. Some small tour boats came out and took the passengers off which allowed the BROCKVILLE to free herself. She reloaded her passengers and continued on her way. During the summers of 1920 and 1921 the BROCKVILLE ran Saturday and Sunday excursions out of Belleville."

A typical "Daily British Whig" report, this one from May 26, 1924, stated: "The steamer BROCKVILLE is running an excursion from Napanee to Picton today for the Victoria Day celebration. On Thursday next the BROCKVILLE has been chartered for a Thousand Islands excursion with the Canadian Institute of Chemists and Chemical Engineers. If weather is favorable a picnic will be held at Beau Rivage and the trip will include a run down through the American channel past Alexandria Bay and back via the Canadian side." BROCKVILLE return fares on Saturday and Sunday from Kingston to Alexandria Bay were 75¢ for adults, and 50¢ for children.

A not-so-typical "Whig" account in July 1924 reported that several head of cattle off BROCKVILLE broke loose at the wharf and paraded in downtown streets from noon until 6:00 p.m. The owners had quite a time rounding them up and one animal with a strain something similar to a "broncho" (sic) in it, kept its pursuers busy for hours and had finally to be left in a yard on Clarence Street until morning.

BROCKVILLE's fares in 1925 from Kingston for Picton, Lake on the Mountain and Sand Banks were \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children. The price of Saturday and Sunday afternoon cruises among the Thousand Islands, with one hour's stop at Alexandria Bay, remained unchanged from the previous season. Canned goods were still being hauled from Picton to Kingston in early December.

Mentions of BROCKVILLE in the marine column of the "Whig" were sporadic. When the ice drifted out of Kingston harbour late in April of 1926, it was reported that BROCKVILLE would make her first trip of the season to Amherst