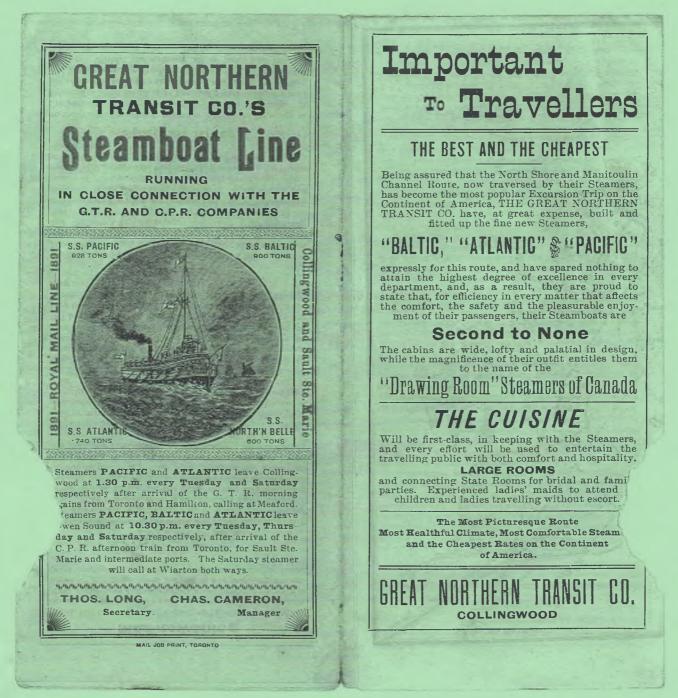
This 1891 brochure for the Great Northern Transit Company comes to us from longtime member Buck Longhurst, of Gore Bay, to whom we extend our thanks.



We were sure the members would like to see this, despite the mouse-nibblings on the edge. The fare for a return trip from Collingwood, Owen Sound or Wiarton to Sault Ste. Marie and return was \$14.00, a lot of money in those days. The same fare was charged for a six-day excursion to Mackinac Island, featuring "No Dust, No Smoke, No Oppressive Heat, No Physical Exhaustion, No Tiring Idleness". With train connections from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Woodstock, London or Stratford, the fare for either trip return was \$18.00.

The ships hardly were "new" as advertised, however. All but PACIFIC were "retreads", and, in fact, the oldest of them, BALTIC, (a) FRANCES SMITH, had originally been built way back in 1867. All fell victim to fire - BALTIC in 1896, ATLANTIC and NORTHERN BELLE in 1898, and PACIFIC in 1903.

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