

It is Christmas Day 1896 and ARUNDELL is frozen in solidly on Lake St. Clair.

Ship of the Month - cont'd.

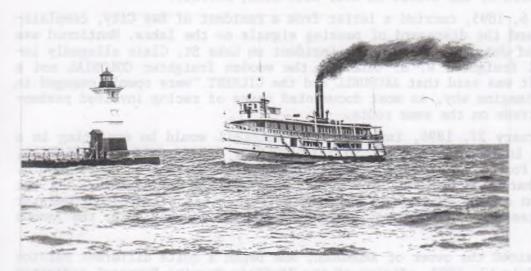
York) to the Thousand Islands on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The "British Whig" of Kingston on February 12, 1898, stated: "The steamer ARUNDELL, which ran last season between Oswego and the Thousand Islands and which is now in winter quarters at Detroit, will be put in commission again next summer. When she makes her maiden trip at the opening of the summer season she will be a revelation to her admirers of a season ago. The improvements will include a complete electrical plant and a powerful searchlight."

She got under way early that year and the "Buffalo Morning Express" of March 19, 1898, indicated that on the following Sunday, ARUNDELL would run an excursion from Detroit to Port Huron and way ports. The "Milwaukee Scrapbook" of June 20, 1898, stated that ARUNDELL had been called on to help carry the passengers of DARIUS COLE, which had broken an eccentric in the lower Detroit River.

It would seem that for the next few years, ARUNDELL ran out of Detroit in the early and late parts of the season, but went to Lake Ontario for the Thousand Islands service in the "high season". The "British Whig" of August 22, 1898, noted: "Str. ARUNDELL - Fast Day Line - Rochester, Oswego, Kingston and Alexandria Bay. Steamer leaves Swift's wharf (Kingston) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. for Oswego and Charlotte. Leaves Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. for Thousand Islands and Alexandria Bay. Making direct connections at Oswego for New York..."

We know that she returned to Detroit each autumn in September, and on September 21, 1899, the "Marine Record" reported that ARUNDELL was available to take the place there of DARIUS COLE, which had been acquired by H. W. Williams for the Chicago & South Haven Steamship Company's service across Lake Michigan. As it turned out, however, the COLE was too slow for the Lake Michigan run and she was returned to her former owner. Williams eventually won litigation for breach of warranty on the failed sale. The COLE returned to her old service and ARUNDELL kept doing her summer runs on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.



We believe this spirited photo shows ARUNDELL entering the piers at Charlotte, New York.

It appears that Star-Cole Transportation Company took advantage of any opportunity to make a buck with ARUNDELL, for the "Buffalo Evening News" of Saturday, June 18, 1904, indicated that ARUNDELL was on her way from Detroit to Charlotte, where she would open her service to Alexandria Bay on the following Monday. It mentioned, however, that on Friday, ARUN-DELL had taken "a large excursion out of Buffalo to Port Colborne, returning at 6 o'clock".