



Lake Ontario Shippers & Travellers

historic Ontario fleets, titles held in trust by PORTS O.N.T.A.R.I.O. Observatory USA

Major Historic Shipping Companies on Lake Ontario

19th CENTURY

(private ownership)

1820

**ROGERS BROTHERS
MERCHANT SCHOONER FLEET**
shipbuilders & freighters of the Great Lakes
American (1822 - 1875)
Carthage & Irondequoit New York
Hosea Rogers, owner
sailed all Great Lakes

BETHUNE MAIL LINE COMPANY

Canadian (1833 - 1853)
Kingston & Toronto Ontario
Donald Bethune, owner
sailed to
Toronto • Rochester • Oswego • Kingston

1850

**ROYAL MAIL LINE
STEAMBOAT COMPANY**
Canadian (1828 - 1861)
Queenston & Prescott Ontario
Honourable John Hamilton, owner
sailed to
Niagara • Queenston • Toronto
Kingston • Prescott

LAKE ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL STEAMBOAT COMPANY

Canadian (1851 - 1863)
Cobourg & Port Hope Ontario
Robert Kerr, captain
sailed to
Port Hope • Cobourg • Charlotte

LAKE ONTARIO & BAY of QUINTE STEAMBOAT COMPANY

Canadian (1857 - 1915)
Kingston Ontario
H.H. Gildersleeve, owner
sailed to
Port Hope • Cobourg • Charlotte • Bay of Quinte
Kingston • Thousand Islands

1880

MONTREAL & ROCHESTER TRANSIT COMPANY

Canadian (1883 - 1914)
Picton Ontario
A.W. Hepburn, owner
sailed to
Montreal • Cornwall • Prescott • Kingston
Picton • Belleville • Brighton • Charlotte
Niagara • Hamilton • Toronto via Argyle Transportation

GENESEE RIVER & LAKE ONTARIO STEAMBOAT COMPANY

American (1895 - 1928)
Rochester New York
Jacob DeLaBarre Scott, owner
sailed to
Sea Breeze • Glen Haven
Ontario Beach • Summerville • Charlotte

20th CENTURY

(stock ownership)

1910

**RICHELIEU & ONTARIO
NAVIGATION COMPANY**
Canadian (1847 - 1914)
Montreal Quebec
sailed to
Niagara • Toronto • Charlotte
Kingston • Thousand Islands • Montreal

ONTARIO & QUEBEC NAVIGATION COMPANY

Canadian (1899 - 1914)
Picton Ontario
B.R. Hepburn, president
sailed to
Toronto • Charlotte • Bay of Quinte
Saint Lawrence River Rapids
Montreal • Quebec

WHITE STAR • COLE LINE

with steamer ARUNDELL
American (1900 - 1911)
Detroit Michigan
A.R. Lee, president
sailed to
Niagara • Olcott Beach • Charlotte
Sodus Point • Fair Haven • Oswego
Cape Vincent • Clayton • Thousand Islands

1920

ONTARIO NAVIGATION COMPANY

American (1911 - 1926)
Newport House Irondequoit Bay New York
Hiram Edgerton, president
sailed to
Charlotte • Sea Breeze

1930

ONTARIO CAR FERRY COMPANY

American-Canadian (1907 - 1950)
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad
Grand Trunk Railroad, joint owners
sailed between
Cobourg • Charlotte

CANADA STEAMSHIP LINES LTD

Richelieu & Ontario
Navigation Division
Canadian (1914 - 1949)
sailed to
Toronto • Kawartha Lakes • Charlotte
Bay of Quinte • Kingston • Thousand Islands
Montreal • Quebec • Saugenay River ports