



PORTS



Lake Ontario Shippers & Travellers

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Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara THE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS



WILL LEAVE KINGSTON for COBOURG, PORT-HOPE and TORONTO, DAILY, (Sundays excepted) at 6 o'clock, P. M., on the arrival of the Mail Steamer from Montreal. The Steamer ECLIPSE leaves Toronto daily, (Sundays excepted) for Hamilton, at Half-past Two o'clock, P. M.

Fare from Kingston to Hamilton,—	Cabin,	\$4½
do do do	Deck,	\$2
“ from Kingston to Niagara,	Cabin,	\$4½
“ do do	Deck,	\$2
“ do Toronto,	Cabin,	\$4
“ do do	Deck,	\$2
“ Kingston to Cobourg & Port-Hope,	Cabin	\$2
“ do do do	Deck,	\$1

Returning, will leave Toronto Daily (Sundays excepted) on the arrival of the Mail Steamer Eclipse from Hamilton, at 12 o'clock, noon.

JOHN H. GREER, *Agent.*

Royal Mail Packet Office, Greer's Wharf,
Kingston, April 16, 1846.

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ROYAL MAIL LINE

Honourable John Hamilton owned and operated the Royal Mail Line to deliver mail for **Royal Canadian Post Office** to ports on the southern shore of Lake Ontario. Started with brother Robert Jr in 1828. It first built the steam paddlewheeler Queenston built 1830. In 1831 it ran the Niagara Dock Company to build ships, and in 1833 as **Lake Ontario & Lake Erie Steamboat Line**.

By 1851, Hamilton entered Royal Mail service with a portion of contracts held by the primary Lake Ontario mail contractor Donald Bethune and Company of York (Toronto) from 1841 -1851. Hamilton's line, along with Montreal firm Macpherson and Crane took over most of the mail contracts 1852. Bethune's company failed in 1853. In 1857 the firm merged into the **Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company**. By 1875 this company became part of the **Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company**.