



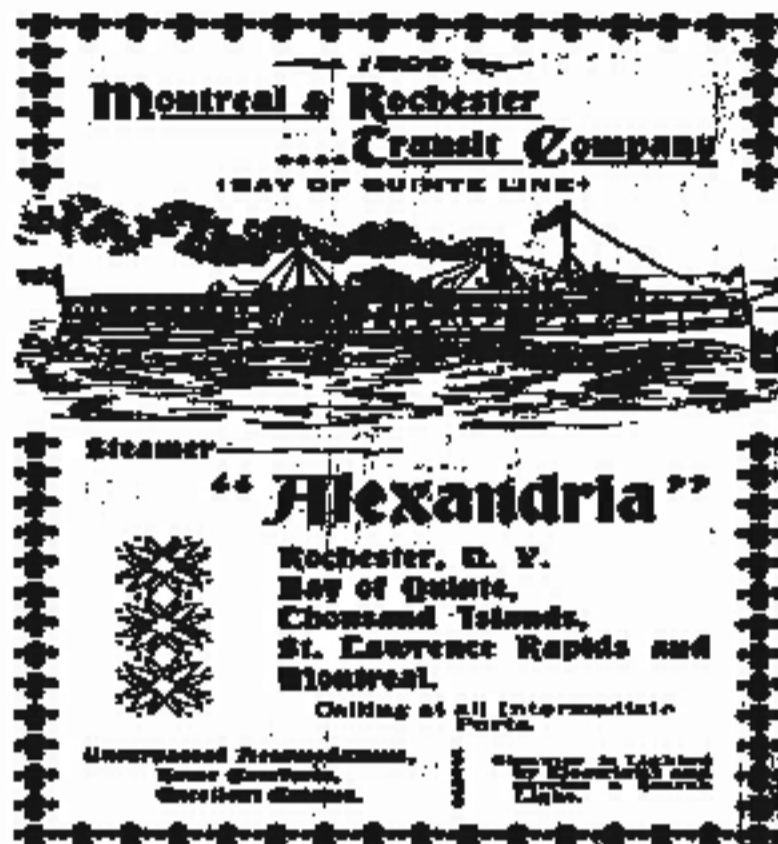
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## Lake Ontario Shippers & Travellers

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### MONTREAL & ROCHESTER TRANSIT COMPANY



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This company was owned and operated by **Arthur W Hepburn** of Picton, Prince Edward County Ontario. Hepburn built and owned numerous passenger and freight steamers, many of which he leased to other Lake Ontario shipping companies.

The **ALEXANDRIA** ( 1883 - 1915 ) operated between Rochester New York and Brighton Ontario. From there it went east to Kingston and Prescott Ontario on the St Lawrence River. Passengers could connect with other steamers at Brighton for ports along Lake Ontario and in the Bay of Quinte. Hepburn's steamer **ARGYLE** went to Toronto. Steamer **VARUNA** went into Bay of Quinte to Deseronto, Belleville and Trenton. That vessel was owned by **Deseronto Navigation Company**.

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Located on the northern peninsula of Lake Ontario, **Picton Harbour** was a favored winter moorage for lake vessels due to its far inland location at the entrance to **Bay of Quinte**. The County, as it is known, was and is a prominent growing area, which made Picton Harbour a strategic port for lake commerce.