

ISCHUA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MOSES HOUGHTALING'S LIME LAKE STEAMBOAT

Success to the new steamboat! Yes, at last we are to have a pleasant steamer on Lime Lake. Moses Houghtaling has bought Mr. Eddy's steamer and will immediately go to Randolph, New York after it. This is an acquisition that will attract more than any other one thing that could be put into business.

Now, it is time to dispense with the stumps and snags that ornament some of the shores of the lake. They may be very nice for muskrats and things, but they have been there so long, a change is very desirable. They have their drawbacks too, for instance, when the young exquisite takes his darling out on the lake for a "lovely ride," it makes a most pitiful sight to see him get his boat "up a stump," and when it takes him an hour and a half to get the boat off, it is terribly demoralizing to the young man's piety, too. Yes, it is decidedly time to remove the stumps!



As of May 15th, Mr. Houghtaling had painted up his boat and began running on the lake. It was launched on May 10th, with no particular demonstration. Last Sunday it made several trips up and down the lake and quite a crowd was out to see the novel spectacle of a "real live steamer" on Lime Lake. It ran from the dock, at the foot of the lake to the landing at the park in nine minutes. A cover will be put on it soon. The engine, which sets in the center of the boat is 3 and a half horse power. It is a "Screw" propeller.

The steamer, which is named the "Mayflower," plows the placid water of the lake this summer. Mr. Houghtaling states that it can gracefully carry 35 passengers to a trip and is about 30 feet from stem to stern and draws about fifteen "pails" instead of feet, believing it carries the idea to the general reader much better than to use the term of the "old salt."

The steamer makes landings at the foot of the lake, near Houghtaling's Hotel and at the head of the lake, where Bigelow and Andrews have finished a very pleasant hotel and hall, where they are always found endeavoring to entertain visitors, (and they do too,) (The Tourist Hotel.)

They have cards out for ball, to take place July 4th. This will give those who take pleasure in such sports and visit them on that day to celebrate by fishing, boating, dancing, etc. and if they are still not satisfied, they can drive over to Franklinville to the "fireworks," then go home with their girls in the morning.

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