"A steam-barge chartered at $27.00 per day for works of
1890 construction and repair in the 9th and 11th Districts.
Charter authorized 5 May, 1890."
Note.--Memorandum of Articles of Agreement of above charter is filed, Mis. Files No. 73."

1890

The Ruby.—Proposals were invited for the charter of a steam-barge for use in construction and repair of light-houses, and the steam-barge *J. S. Ruby* was selected. The price paid for her use was $27 per day, with fuel and provision in addition. She was put in commission on May 1, and during May and June was continuously employed in delivery of men and material for various repairs and constructions and for the establishment of new fog-signal stations.

1891, p. 131.

The Ruby.—This steam barge was employed during July, August, September, and October in delivering materials for construction and repairs at Old Mackinac Point, Twin River Point, Sturgeon Bay Canal Pierhead, St. Helena, Skilligallee, Beaver Island, Beaver Island Harbor, South Fox Island, Cana Island, and Cedar River light-stations, and was employed during November in transferring sirens from Skilligallee to Beaver Island light-station, Michigan.

1891 p. 154.

The Ruby.—This little steamer was chartered to serve as a tender in the ninth and eleventh light-house districts, and during July, August, September, and October, 1890, she was employed in carrying materials for construction and repair at St. Clair Flats Canal, upper and lower, Presque Isle, Old Mackinac Point, Spectacle Reef, Sand Beach, Thunder Bay Island, Granite Island, and La Pointe light-stations. On November 21, 1890, she went out of commission.