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Will Skipper "Steel Pier"

Captain Gordon Keating will be the skipper of the "Steel Pier", Boston-Provincetown excursion boat, this summer, according to Selectman Frank H. Barnett, representative of the Cape Cod Steamship Company here. Captain Keating for a time was in command of the S. S. Dorothy Bradford. He is an able pilot and brought the General Goethals, mammoth government dredger into the Provincetown harbor for her trials.

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**Steel Pier Here
First Trip Today**

Brings in About 1,000 Passengers, Mostly Children

As freezer sirens and horns blared a welcome, the Steel Pier of the Cape Cod Steamship Company and commanded by Captain Gordon Keating came slowly into the har-

bor and docked at Sklaroff's Wharf. At a few minutes after two she tied up and unloaded a reported crowd of 1,000 passengers. By far the most of these were girls and some not unattractive.

Howard Slade was on hand to officially welcome the Steel Pier on its initial trip of the season and Kitty Enos had his shells lined up at the entrance to the wharf. The "accommodation" was also on hand for the first sight-seeing trip of the year. A number of young people inquired for bathing facilities im-

mediately upon their arrival and others went right for the shops renting bicycles.

In spite of the fact that a letter was received by the Board of Selectmen from Paul Thurlow of the Cape Cod Steamship Company stating that it might be necessary at times to use the Town Wharf because of lack of water at Sklaroff's, the Steel Pier docked today at the latter wharf. It was announced that the boat would make daily sailings from Boston to Provincetown for the remainder of the season.

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A score of small boys made their initial harvests of nickels and dimes as the steamer passengers disembarked diving in the shallow waters beside the wharf.

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TANNED PROVINCETOWN YOUNGSTERS DIVING FOR NICKELS has become a familiar sight to Summer visitors arriving on excursion boats from Boston (left, above). Like forcing catsup out of the bottle, the excursion boat Steel Pier unloads excursionists (right, above). Arrived for the day, these cityites suddenly turn Provincetown into a maelstrom of activity.