

THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

The Annual Dinner Meeting in May was a most enjoyable event, but it turned into something particularly special for Ye Ed., who happened to be chairing the meeting. We were taken completely by surprise with a special presentation to commemorate our twenty years as Editor of "Scanner". Not only were some very kind words said by presenter Bob Woodcock, but we were recipient of a beautifully framed, hand-coloured print of the line drawing of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS by our late friend and longtime T.M.H.S. member, Frank Crevier.

To say that we appreciate this tribute from the members is the understatement of the century. Preparing "Scanner" is fun, but it also is a lot of hard work, and it is good to know that the effort is appreciated. Ye Ed. extends his most sincere thanks to all of the members who were involved in the project, and especially to Bob Woodcock, ringleader of the group.

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CHARLES S. BRIDGES

It is with deep sadness that we report the sudden passing of member Charles S. Bridges on the evening of June 28th, 1989.

Charlie Bridges was a longtime employee of the Toronto Transit Commission and for more than half a century was dedicated to the preservation of the history of things marine as well as our railways, including both steam and traction. Charlie carried membership number 4 in the Upper Canada Railway Society, which was formed in 1941, and he held membership number 17 in the Toronto Marine Historical Society, indicating that he joined our group in its very first year of existence.

Charlie and his wife, Helen, were two of our most regulars at T.M.H.S. meetings over the years, and contributed much to this Society. On many occasions, Charlie said the Grace at our annual dinner meeting, and he did so at his very last T.M.H.S. meeting, our dinner last May.

To our dear friend Helen, and to Charlie's family, we express our deepest sympathy in their loss.

May Charlie find Eternal Peace.

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A CANALLER'S REUNION

The steam-powered canaller SORELDON (I) was built in 1928 as Hull 1335 of Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd. at Wallsend-on-Tyne, England, for Paterson Steamships Ltd., of Fort William, Ontario. She was one of a large group of almost identical sisterships. The steamer operated successfully for the Paterson fleet until she was requisitioned for wartime service on salt water during World War Two. On February 28, 1945, SORELDON was torpedoed and sunk in the St. George's Channel (52.15 N., 5.35 W.) whilst on voyage from Liverpool to Swansea. Of the crew of 36 persons, 15 lost their lives in the sinking.

From member Daniel C. McCormick comes word that a reunion of the surviving Canadian, U.S. and British crewmembers of SORELDON is planned for October 7 and 8 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Interested parties may contact Daniel M. Towns, 6227 Braesheather, Houston, Texas 77096, U. S. A.

As far as we are aware, this is the first formal reunion ever held for crewmembers of one of our canallers which was lost by enemy action.

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