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Lay-up List - cont'd.

<u>Duluth</u>: ARTHUR M. ANDERSON, INDIANA HARBOR, WALTER J. McCARTHY JR., MESABI MINER, EDGAR B. SPEER.

Superior: ALPENA (LEON FRASER), CHARLES M. BEEGHLY, JOHN J. BOLAND, IRVIN L. CLYMER, ELTON HOYT 2nd, HERBERT C. JACKSON, J. L. MAUTHE, RESERVE, ST. CLAIR, JOHN SHERWIN.

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We only appear to be missing reports for Cleveland and Fairport.

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A TUGBOAT ACCIDENT

The Mid-Summer 1990 issue featured as Ship of the Month No. 184 the tug G. R. GRAY (II), (a) BISMARCK (84), (b) JUSTICE FIELD (91), (c) TRAVELER (21). We received some good comment from our members concerning the tug, and we particularly wish to thank Ken Thro and Ralph Roberts, both of whom had information about the painting of BISMARCK (a photocopy of a print of which accompanied a follow-up item in the October issue). Member (and former president) Bruce Smith assisted by recalling that George Gray, for whom the tug latterly was named, was at one time president of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company Ltd., owner of the tug from 1920 onward.

The "piece de resistance", however, came in the form of a letter from member C. Patrick Labadie, of Duluth, who sent us two photos of TRAVELER. They come from Pat's personal collection, and were given to him some years previously by William Loos, of Thunder Bay. They show TRAVELER in what is identified as the drydock of the Port Arthur shipyard, and in them the tug is slewed very heavly to starboard. It is obvious that she somehow slipped off the blocks in the drydock, but we have no idea how this came about and would be grateful if any of our members (perhaps some of those from the Thunder Bay area) could assist.

The date of the photo? Well, it was during the 1916-1920 period when TRA-VELER was owned by Hugh Keefer, of Port Arthur. On the dock behind the tug is the package freighter GRANVILLE A. RICHARDSON; she is wearing the old Great Lakes Transit Corporation logo on her bow, but the company's name has been painted out, so this would indicate that the date was subsequent to the RICHARDSON's acquisition in 1917 by James Playfair's Great Lakes Transportation Company Ltd., Midland. The date must be prior to 1919, because in that year Playfair rechristened the steamer (b) GLENCAIRN.

So, considering that the RICHARDSON had not yet been completely painted up in Playfair colours, one might well assume that the accident to TRAVELER occurred sometime in 1917. Our sincere thanks to Pat Labadie for sharing these most interesting photographs with our members.

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LATE MARINE NEWS

Misener Shipping has finalized the sale of its ocean-lakers SELKIRK SETTLER and CANADA MARQUIS to the Fednav Group, which will rename them FEDERAL ST. LOUIS and FEDERAL RICHELIEU, respectively. Their sistership SASKATCHEWAN PIONEER will be time-chartered to Fednav by Pioneer Shipping. Meanwhile, press reports indicate that C.S.L., Misener and Pioneer will form a pool of their straight-deckers, to be known as Great Lakes Bulk Carriers.

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