

ing of all new salty visitors in the years 1988 - 1992, and even a brief history of one of the steam canallers which for many years frequented the old canals.

The cost of the directory is \$10.50, postage included, to Canadian addresses. United States residents should remit \$9.00 U.S., which also will include shipping. Interested parties may address Rene Beauchamp, 9041 Bellevue, Montreal, Quebec H1L 3S5.

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IVAN S. BROOKES

It is with great sadness that we note the passing, at Hamilton, Ontario, of longtime Toronto Marine Historical Society member Ivan S. Brookes, on May 19th, 1993, his 77th birthday.

Ivan became interested in lake ships at an early age, and in 1930 he encountered our late friend and T.M.H.S. treasurer, Jim Kidd, on the Toronto waterfront. The two frequently met to bicycle along the banks of the Welland Canal (at first the third, and then later the "new" canal), taking photographs as they went.

Ivan served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War Two and then in 1947 joined the staff of the Steel Company of Canada Ltd., which gave him the opportunity to watch the scrapping of many old lakers at the company's Hamilton premises.

Ivan was very much interested in the waterways of the lakes and vicinity as well as the ships which sailed them, and he put together a number of excellent albums featuring photographs and the history of the various ports, locks and bridges. Of particular interest to Ivan were the geography and shipping activities of the lower St. Lawrence River, and his most important reference work on this subject, The Lower St. Lawrence, was published in 1974 by Freshwater Press, Inc.

The majority of Ivan's extensive collection is now held by the Institute for Great Lakes Research, in Perrysburg, Ohio. One of his most important historical efforts, however, is his unpublished manuscript, Hamilton Harbour 1826-1901, which is a chronological record of virtually all marine activity in the Hamilton area during those years. It is regrettable that this voluminous work never was published, but we are pleased to have the use of it to assist us in our efforts with "Scanner". Many references to this work have been made in recent issues of our newsletter, and many more will certainly follow.

Ivan Brookes was an avid supporter of our Society as well as others dedicated to lake shipping history, and in 1985 he was named "Historian of the Year" by the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. We shall miss his many contributions to "Scanner", and we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Ethel, and to his two stepsons.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As we close out this, the last issue of Volume XXV of "Scanner", we earnestly solicit your membership renewal, and we hope that you will use the renewal form enclosed with this issue to send us your payment as soon as possible. We appreciate your friendship and your support.

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