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JUDGE HART REVISITED

In the October issue, we featured, as our Ship of the Month No. 198, the Eastern Steamship Company Ltd. canaller JUDGE HART. As we are now in the month of November, 1992, and only a few days short of the fiftieth anniversary of the loss of the HART in Ashburton Bay, Lake Superior, it seemed fitting that we should do a little follow-up on this interesting little steamer.

T.M.H.S. member Alan Sykes has pored over some old vessel passages, and has been able to come up with a profile of the HART's activities during the troubled years of the Great Depression, when so many of the Eastern Steamship canallers spent their days lying idle.

In 1931, JUDGE HART made just 18 transits of the Welland Canal, nine each way. Five of her trips, between May 30 and August 4, involved grain cargoes out of Port Colborne for Toronto. (Note that the Jim Kidd photo which acompanied our feature showed her loading grain at Toronto Elevators on May 2, 1931, presumably for delivery down the St. Lawrence.)

In 1932, JUDGE HART did not operate at all, but in 1933 she made eight canal transits between May 28 and October 4. It was during this year that the windows in her old lower pilothouse were plated over and replaced by portholes. In 1934, the entire Eastern fleet saw service except for JUDGE HART and ROBERT W. POMEROY, which were laid up at Port Dalhousie all year.

The HART apparently did not see any service in 1935, according to published vessel passages, and it would seem that she did not see further service until after her sale, along with nine other Eastern Steamship canallers, to the Upper Lakes & St. Lawrence Transportation Company Ltd., Toronto, during April of 1936.