

The April Meeting was a greatly enjoyable evening for all concerned. It featured the first slides taken in the early 1960s by our late friend and T.M.H.S. Treasurer, Jim Kidd, as he travelled around the lakes, and we were treated to many rare and memory-invoking images from our ship-watching past. Ron Beaupre was kind enough to provide Jim's slides for viewing, and Your Editor was honoured to be able to introduce each slide and provide historical comment (having been present when many of the slides were taken). We thank all of the members present who added their own invaluable comments to the various slides illustrating subjects of personal interest or history.

By the time the members read these words, the Annual Dinner Meeting will be history. We will have filled our bellies with Captain John's edibles aboard JADRAN, and our minds with the images of Rev. Chuck Beaton's life in a Great Lakes family, as the son of a true hero of lake history.

And we will, with the assistance of Bas Headford, of Minett Printing, a longtime fan of ships, railroads and traction, have celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of "Scanner". Bas Headford has done the layout and printing for all of our photopages for thirty years, as well as designing our coverpages, Society letterhead, etc., and we are so happy that Bas and June Headford could join us on this auspicious occasion.

Watch this space in the Mid-Summer issue for information concerning the October Meeting, as the Marine Museum moves to its new location as "The Pier" in part of the old Pier 4, on the west side of the first slip west of York Street on the Toronto Harbourfront. We wish Heritage Toronto well in its new historical adventure, and hope that we can be a part of it.

In the New Member Department, a hearty welcome goes out to Richard J. Hammond, of Little Current, Ontario. We are very pleased to have you with us in the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

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THE SILENT AUCTION

It would appear that our Second Silent Auction was a resounding success. It produced a great deal of interest and first indications are that the financial outcome was most favourable. Full details will be provided in the Mid-Summer issue. We thank all those who contributed items for the auction, as well as those who bid on them.

And yes, items already are coming in for next year's Silent Auction!

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OUR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY COVER

We have produced special cover pages for each of our notable "fifth" anniversary issues to celebrate the continued success of the Toronto Marine Historical Society and of "Scanner". We used a drawing of the Niagara passenger steamer CHICORA for our twenty-fifth anniversary cover. For our thirtieth anniversary cover, we could think of no better image than that of one of the first pair of double-ended ferryboats specifically designed and built for the Toronto Ferry Company. MAYFLOWER and PRIMROSE were such remarkable boats that they received considerable acclaim in marine circles when they were built in 1890.

The photo of MAYFLOWER was taken in 1895 by Toronto photographer Micklethwaite, and we extend sincere thanks to Bas Headford for his assistance in adapting it for use on our cover.

Now, what will we do for our thirty-fifth anniversary?

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