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"...and always in readiness to beat for shelter should a storm arise or threaten. Now it is here the firm have yet to bring in a drill boat, this now lying at Byng Inlet. Immediately everything is put into order the I.X.L., named, Mr. Weddell tells us, after a well known brand of liquid refreshment, will join with the dredge CAREY now at work moving the bottom of the harbour further from the top and thereby providing a wide, deep channel and an adequate mooring area for the largest class of freighters on the upper lakes. Mr. Robert Weddell, manager of the dredging company, arrived here early Tuesday morning and remained to superintend the preparations for operation. The contract of the Weddell Co. is one of the largest ever let for the Collingwood harbour. It will necessitate steady work throughout the season and on into next."

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### LAY-UP LISTINGS

The following additions/corrections have been received since the report in our last issue. Halifax: BIRCHGLEN departed drydock Jan,. 31 and soon thereafter sailed for Port Cartier.

<u>Ile aux Coudres:</u> DAVID T. D. (tug), 801 (research), ETOILE POLAIRE (workboat), FAMILLE DU-FOUR (exc.), MARJOLAINE II (exc.), OCEAN ECHO II (tug), OURS POLAIRE (workboat), C.C.G.S. F. C. G. SMITH, TRANS-ST. LAURENT (ferry).

Sorel/Tracy: Delete KATHRYN SPIRIT (back in service Feb. 4) and C.C.G.S. F. C. G. SMITH.

Montreal: Add late lay-ups ALGONTARIO and SAUNIERE, and museum tug DANIEL McALLISTER.

Sarnia: Add late lay-up CSL ASSINIBOINE. Wallaceburg: Delete barge BIG 346.

Midland: Add MISS MIDLAND (exc.).

Penetanguishene: GEORGIAN QUEEN (exc.), PRESCOTONT (hobby tug), STILL WATCH.

Milwaukee: Add late lay-up JOSEPH L. BLOCK. Sturgeon Bay: Add late lay-up WILFRED SYKES.

For the additional information, and other contributions, we thank Rene Beauchamp, Ken Davis, Cy Hudson, Ken Hillyer, George Lee and Mac Mackay.

Thus endeth the lay-ups, just in time for spring fit-out! We hope that next year we will receive a little more help, particularly in respect of tugs, etc., at the various U.S. lake ports to which we have no personal access.

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# NEW BOOKS FROM MEMBERS

We have two new books to mention this issue. The first is <u>The Last Boats on the Turkey Trail</u>, by Buck Longhurst and Skip Gillham. A 110-page softcover with colour photos on the covers and endpieces, and otherwise full of interesting and rare black-and-white images, features the histories of the last vessels that served the tortuous channels of Northern Lake Huron and concentrates on the period from the beginning of the 20th century onward. Much is said about the various operators of these vessels and the men who sailed them. The book sells for \$25.00.

The second book, this one solely by Skip Gillham, is  $\underline{Fjell\ Line}$  -  $\underline{Great\ Lakes\ Pioneers}$ . A 72-page softcover with colour covers and b&w images inside, it deals with one of the most famous salt-water lines ever to trade into the lakes. Featured are the various boats of the Fjell Line (Olsen & Ugelstad, of Norway) that ran into the lakes from 1930 until 1972. Many of them were canal-sized ships we remember well from pre-Seaway years. This book sells for \$24.00.

To purchase either book, contact Skip Gillham, 3750 King Street, Vineland, Ontario LOR 2CO.

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A Reminder to the Members: The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held Saturday, May 10, aboard JADRAN on Toronto Harbour. Come see this interesting vessel and experience the good food and great company that always make our annual dinner a very special event. Please see full details on the Front Cover of this issue and order your tickets as soon as possible, as space is limited. Our Chief Purser hopes to receive your remittance as soon as possible so final arrangements can be made.

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