

PASSAGES FROM THE PAST

In past years, one of the most popular items we could dredge up out of the past were old vessel passages. Our members found them to be of great interest, not only because most, if not all, of the ships mentioned had long since passed from the scene, but also because they brought back memories of times when a visit to one of the shipwatching spots around the lakes would yield an amazing number of boats to see in the course of any given day. For instance, a "good" day at the Soo in 1992 might produce fifteen ships, whereas not so many years ago, a day there was not a good one for photographers unless there were fifty or more ships.

The following passages were taken from "The Toronto Daily Star" of Saturday, May 26, 1917. Sit back, take a look at some of the names, and let yourself drift 75 years back in time. And while you are at it, see if you can spot the names of any ships that may still be with us on the lakes today.

At Sault Ste. Marie:

May 25 - Up - BRITON, 8 p.m., Thursday; JAMES A. FARRELL, PRESQUE ISLE, PANAY, 8:30; MATAAFA, SENATOR, 10; THOMAS F. COLE, 10:30; GLENSHEE, 11; MARTIN MULLEN, 11:30; JAMES P. WALSH, THOMAS BARLUM, W. GRANT MORDEN, 12:30 a.m., Friday; HOWARD M. HANNA JR., 2; DANIEL J. MORRELL, H. P. McINTOSH, 2:30; THE HARVESTER, 3:30; NATIRONCO, 4:30; AMERICA (old), F. B. SQUIRE, 5:30; PERCIVAL ROBERTS JR., 6; JAMES S. DUNHAM, 7; HARVEY D. GOULDER, 7:30; NORTH LAKE, HURLBUT W. SMITH, 8:30; CANOPUS, 9:30; ELBERT H. GARY, 10; GALE STAPLES, COLLINGWOOD, 11:30; WILLIAM A. MCGONAGLE, LUPUS, FAYETTE BROWN, noon; RICHLAND QUEEN and barge RICHLAND DAISY, WILLIAM F. STIFEL, 1:30 p.m.; WILLIAM P. SNYDER, 2; LAKEWOOD, AMERICA (new), LAKEPORT, 2:30; A. A. AUGUSTUS, 4; ATIKOKAN, 5; EMORY L. FORD, TAURUS, 6; GENERAL ORLANDO M. POE, 7.

Down - A. E. NETTLETON, 8 p.m., Thursday; W. E. FITZGERALD, SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, TIOGA, 9; COL. JAMES M. SCHOONMAKER, HAROLD B. NYE, 9:30; S. H. ROBBINS, MIDLAND KING, 10; LEWISTON, 10:30; CALUMET, WILLIAM J. FILBERT, 11; ATHABASCA, 11:30; ADAM E. CORNELIUS, midnight; STEPHEN M. CLEMENT, CAPTAIN THOMAS WILSON, GEORGE F. BAKER, 1:30 a.m., Friday; SIERRA, 2; CALDERA, 3; SULTANA, HARRY YATES, PAIPOONGE and barge THUNDER BAY, 3:30; W. D. REES, D.M. PHILBIN, ZILLAH and barges MARY WOOLSON, GOSHAWK and HARVEY, NORTHERN WAVE, 4:30; BICKERDIKE, 5; JAMES J. HILL and barge GEORGE H. CORLISS, 6; EDWARD Y. TOWNSEND, G. J. GRAMMER, 6:30; SIR WILLIAM SIEMENS and barge JOHN SMEATON, MARY C. ELPHICKE, 7; JOHN J. BOLAND, 7:30; EDWIN E. SLICK, SWEDEN, 8; GEORGE STEPHENSON and barge MARSALA, JOSEPH G. BUTLER JR., 8:30; JOHN SHERWIN, WILLIAM LIVINGSTONE, 9:30; ZENITH CITY, AGNES W., GLENFINNAN, 10; HENRY CORT, PENOBSCOT, 10:30; EDWIN L. BOOTH, THOMAS MAYTHAM, 11; WILLIAM F. FITCH and barge ALEXANDER MAITLAND, ROBERT FULTON, 11:30; MANCHESTER, 12:30 p.m.; PETER A. B. WIDENER, 1; WILLIAM H. WOLF (steel), R. R. RICHARDSON and barge CARRINGTON, WILLIAM B. DAVOCK, 1:30; HENRY STEINBRENNER, FRANK BILLINGS, 3; WILLIAM R. LINN and barge MAIA, 3:30; G. WATSON FRENCH, 5; JOSEPH BLOCK, 5:30; MYRON and barge ATHENS, CONEMAUGH, 6; RENSSELAER, 7.

At Kingston:

May 25 - Cleared - SARNOR, Erie; H. N. JEX, Oswego; YORKTON, ADVANCE and ARABIAN, Port Colborne; EMERSON and light barges, Welland Canal; MAGNOLIA and light barges, Sodus; MARY P. HALL and grain-laden barges, Montreal.

At Port Colborne:

May 25 - Down - WAR CROSS, Port Colborne to Montreal, flour, 5:30 a.m.; JOYLAND, Port Colborne to Montreal, wheat, 11:30 a.m.; CLEVELAND ("Laker" on maiden voyage from Superior), Buffalo to Norfolk, light, 3 p.m.; INDIA, Erie to Montreal, coal, 4:40 p.m.; WESTERIAN, Port Colborne to Montreal, wheat, 7 p.m.; PENTLAND, Lorain to Montreal, coal, 7:15 p.m.

May 25 - Up - J. H. PLUMMER, Montreal to Fort William, general cargo, 1:50 a.m.; H. M. PELLATT, Montreal to Fort William, general cargo, 2:15 a.m.; RICHARD W., Montreal to Lorain, light, 2:45 a.m.; SENATOR DERBYSHIRE, Montreal to Erie, light, 3:10 a.m.; IMPERIAL and barge S.O.CO.NO. 41, Montreal to