

PARISIEN made the first downbound commercial transit on April 5th, when she passed through bound in ballast for Sept Iles, Quebec.

The state of the economy is evident in the number of vessels which wintered at Toronto but have not fitted out this spring. As of the first week in May, WINDOC, JAMES NORRIS, SEAWAY QUEEN, CANADIAN HUNTER and SAGUENAY remained at the wall, as well as the longtime lay-ups CONGAR and HOCHELAGA. We hope that some of these ships many see service during 1993.

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RONALD PENNINGTON (1917-1993)

It is with regret that we report the passing, on March 18, 1993, at the Alexander Marine Hospital, Port of Goderich, Ontario, of Ronald Pennington, a longtime member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

Ron Pennington was a lake mariner and always was proud that his thirty years of sailing were spent in the old coal-fired steamers such as STARBUCK, MANTADOC (I), MARTHA HINDMAN and PARKER EVANS. With his congenial manner and extensive knowledge, Ron actively pursued the preservation of Great Lakes history, and always was willing to contribute and to share his knowledge with others.

At Goderich, he freely contributed time and effort to upgrade the memorial cemetary plot dedicated to the unknown sailors who came ashore in the Great Storm of 1913. He also was the driving force in the erection of a permanent memorial for Great Storm victims who had been interred in unmarked graves at Kincardine. Through his efforts, the Mariners' Church Service continues today as an annual worship service.

He is survived by his wife Lenna, two sons, four brothers, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A respected marine historian and a kind and considerate sailor, Ron will truly be missed by all his many friends and family, to whom we extend our most sincere condolences.

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Ed. Note: For their assistance in preparing this remembrance, we wish to extend our thanks to Glen Gardiner and to Ron Beaupre.

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THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER

At the conclusion of the programme at our April Meeting, we gathered up all of the tickets which our members had purchased in the draw for a trip for four persons during 1993 aboard a Great Lakes Bulk Carriers freighter, and placed them in a fishtank. They were duly mixed and the winning ticket was drawn by Capt. Greg Leigh, through whose kind efforts the donation of the trip had been arranged as a fund-raiser for T.M.H.S.

We are indeed pleased to announce that our Grand Prize Winner is HOWARD FAIRWEATHER, of Toronto.

We noted that Howard was immediately swarmed by wellwishers - some of whom appeared to be attempting to arrange vacation plans! We sincerely congratulate Howard and we hope that he enjoys his trip.

We would like to thank all those members who purchased tickets in the draw, which raised almost two thousand dollars to help defray the cost of producing "Scanner" for the members. We also extend sincere thanks to Great Lakes Bulk Carriers Inc. for its generosity in donating the trip to the benefit of the Society, and to Capt. Greg Leigh for suggesting the idea and attending to the necessary arrangements.

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