

most famous amusement parks. From 1886 until 1893, the Doty Brothers operated the amusements, which included numerous rides and other attractions, including the inevitable "museum of living curiosities", or freak show. During the summer of 1897, the Dotys also managed the Hotel Hanlan, which traced its beginnings back to the 1860s, when it had been established by John Hanlan, who also served as the island constable. The big new Hotel Hanlan was built in 1880 by John Hanlan's son Ned, the world-famous champion oarsman (who also had dabbled in the bootlegging business), and it was greatly expanded about 1895.

As well as running her usual service to the Island, CANADIAN was one of several steamers which operated to the Canadian National Exhibition from downtown Toronto during the fair's August run. We have an 1886 ticket issued by the "Exhibition Park Ferry Line", G. L. Hicks, manager, the price of which was ten cents. It was good for one passage from "City to Exhibition Wharf and Return", on one of the "Steamers RUPERT, CANADIAN, GENEVA and SADIE". Captain Turner's name was not mentioned, but no doubt he was one of the principals of this operation.

Capt. Turner died early in 1887, and on April 9th of that year, the Turner Estate sold out the ferry operations to the Doty Ferry Company. The princely sum of \$14,600 was paid by the Dotys for Turner's entire fleet, which included not only CANADIAN but also the big single-ended sidewheeler SADIE, of which we shall hear more later. Another of Turner's boats was the little steamer LUELLA, which was built in 1880 and would serve until 1934. On July 23, 1887, Thomas McLean, for the Registrar of Shipping for the Port of Toronto, recorded that LUELLA's 64 shares had been purchased by John Doty, machinist, of Toronto, and we would assume that John Doty also became the registered owner of CANADIAN, as well as SADIE. (The reference to John Doty as a machinist reminds us that his family also operated the Doty Engine Company, which built engines for many lake steamers.)

The Doty Brothers thus had come to control not only the Hanlan's Point amusement park but also the ferries which the public would ride in order to reach the park's attractions. As well, the Dotys would operate the carousel which was set up in the new public park area at what later would be known as Centre Island. Island Park, as this new public area then was known, was actually opened in 1888 after seven years of municipal reconstruction and landscaping of "Mead's Island", where Mead's (formerly Parkinson's) Hotel stood until 1887.

Interestingly, however, the Doty Ferry Company itself was not to enjoy a very long life. On September 24, 1889, "The Toronto Globe" reported that it was informed that E. B. Osler "in partnership with others" was negotiating for the purchase of the Doty Ferry Company. On February 27th, 1890, the Toronto Ferry Company Limited was registered as a joint stock company with capitalization of \$250,000. The directors of the new company were Edmund Boyd Osler, of Toronto (president); William Hendrie, of Hamilton (vice-president); F. W. Doty (brother of John), and Henry Beatty (the famous operator of upper lake passenger steamers, including those of the C.P.R.).

As we never have seen the official registration documents for CANADIAN, we cannot say exactly when her ownership was transferred to the new owner. The LUELLA, which again took the same route as CANADIAN, was recorded by the Toronto Registrar of Shipping as being transferred on January 3, 1890, to William Hendrie and E. B. Osler, and then on May 3rd, 1890, to the Toronto Ferry Company Limited. We would imagine that similar entries would have been made for all of the boats which made the move from the Doty Ferry Company to the new firm.

CANADIAN and SADIE would have been the largest and best of the ferries which began service for the Toronto Ferry Company in 1890, but it would not be thus for long. Even before the formal incorporation of the new company, its principals placed orders for two 140-foot, steel-hulled, double-ended ferry