

We would be pleased to hear from any member who might be able to assist us with any additional information concerning our featured steamer, and particularly respecting any operations under the name GREENLAND. We would be especially grateful if anyone could supply photos of the ship as JOHN B. KETCHUM 2nd under the Canadian flag, or as GREENLAND or COALHURST.

And while we are speaking of elusive photographs, we would dearly love to locate a view of VIKING when she was operating for the Mathews Steamship Company under the name CYLATON. Does anybody know of one?

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### A VIEW OF MINNETONKA

In our issue of January 1994, whilst exploring the history of JOHN CRERAR in our Ship of the Month No. 209 feature, we made reference to the big four-masted, two-stacked steamers MINNETONKA and MINNEWASKA, which were built in 1901 as Hulls 407 and 408, respectively, of the Cleveland yard of the American Ship Building Company. These vessels, 448 feet in overall length, were designed to trade overseas from Quebec City, the grain being brought down the lakes by the Wolvin canallers, namely JOHN CRERAR and her nine sisterships, that would form the cargoes of MINNETONKA and MINNEWASKA.

Of course, MINNETONKA and MINNEWASKA were too large to pass down the old Welland and St. Lawrence canals, and so each was taken eastward in two sections. The stern section towed the bow whilst on open waters, while tugs were used to assist in the canals. We printed a photo of one of the tows which was taken by the late William A. Traill from the west beach at Port Dalhousie.

In this issue, we are pleased to present an excellent view of MINNETONKA, the best we ever have seen, which shows her being rejoined at the Davie Shipyard after her passage through the canals. A photo credited to the shipyard, it was in the collection of the late T.M.H.S. member Ivan S. Brookes, and comes to us through the courtesy of member Ronald F. Beaupre.

We now wonder whether anybody can produce an identifiable photograph of her sister, MINNEWASKA.

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### MACKINAC ISLAND FERRIES

Rev. Alfred A. Hart, Pastor of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church in Avon Lake, Ohio, and a supportive member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society, has written to advise that he is gathering material in preparation for producing a book on the subject of the Arnold Transit Company, the famous operator of ferries from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace to Mackinac Island. This firm traces its beginnings back to 1878, when the line's founder, George T. Arnold, first became involved with the operation of passenger vessels. Rev. Hart would like to correspond with any members who might be able to assist him with his research, and he advises that he is working with the Arnold Transit Company on the project.

If any of our members can assist, Rev. Hart would be pleased to hear from them. He may be contacted at 32340 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012, U. S. A.

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As we bring this issue of "Scanner" to a close, we would remind our members of the **Annual Dinner Meeting** which will be held on May 7th. We would like to see as large a turnout as possible for this highlight of our 1993-1994 season and we hope that you will contact our Chief Purser at an early date to reserve your tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

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