

### THE SHIPS OF COLLINGWOOD

The latest book produced by Skip Gillham is a 192-page, softcover effort entitled The Ships of Collingwood. The volume is in upright, 8½" by 11" format and is profusely illustrated with black-and-white photos. The covers are in colour, with COLLINGWOOD on the front and IMPERIAL COLLINGWOOD on the back. There is a section giving historical background on the Collingwood shipyard, and another featuring vessels named for the town of Collingwood, but the main body of the work features the various ships built at Collingwood from 1901 through 1985. Each ship is illustrated with one or more photos, and a short history of the vessel is presented. The ships are listed according to shipyard Hull Number, but an index would make it easier to locate any particular vessel for which a reader might be searching.

As far as we can see, the material contained in the book appears to be accurate. The photographs are well printed, and especially valuable are rare photos of the various warships built at Collingwood during World War Two. There are, however, two problems with photos. The view of NOVADOC (I), Collingwood Hull 69, which appears on Page 45, is printed backwards. Of a more serious nature, however, is the problem on Page 62, which features Hull 89, the 1938-built tanker IMPERIAL (II)(47), (b) IMPERIAL VANCOUVER (70), (c) ESSO ANDINA (71), (d) AQUARIO. The author specifically mentions that this tanker was the second ship of the Imperial Oil fleet to carry the name IMPERIAL, and yet the photo chosen to illustrate the ship clearly shows IMPERIAL (I)(38), (a) MINOCO (01), (c) IMPOCO (III), the tall-stacked veteran that was built in 1898, transferred to the West Coast in 1922, and scrapped in 1939.

Nevertheless, Skip's volume will be an interesting addition to any lake marine library. If it is not available at your local bookseller, it may be obtained by addressing the publisher, Riverbank Traders, 57 Main Street, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 4T8. The cost is \$21.95, plus \$2.00 postage.

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### EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

In the Mid-Summer issue, we commented upon EMPRESS OF BRITAIN - Canadian Pacific's Greatest Ship, the most impressive book written by T.M.H.S. member, Gordon Turner, and recently published as a Boston Mills Press Book by the Stoddart Publishing Co. Ltd.

Unfortunately, in our effort to describe adequately the many merits of the book, we let a typographical error creep into the final copy of our review, and in a most important area. We erroneously indicated that the selling price of the book is \$25.00, whereas in fact it is \$35.00. Gordon, who assists us with the mailing of "Scanner" each month, corrected this error by hand in most of the copies!

Considering the quality of Gordon's book, we sincerely regret the error in our review, and the fact that it was Gordon, himself, who had the task of correcting each copy of "Scanner" by hand.

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### A MARINE HERITAGE WORKSHOP

A workshop entitled "Our Marine Heritage Is Disappearing" will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th, 1992, at the Visitors' Centre, Lock Three, Welland Ship Canal. Several authoritative speakers will discuss aspects of the topic, touching on such matters as zebra mussel encrustations on wrecks, ghost ports of the lakes, etc. Tickets for the event are \$20.00. For information, contact Ronald F. Beaupre, 526 Thede Drive, Port Elgin, Ontario NOH 2C4.

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