

in 1874 to the St. Lawrence Towing Company, of Kingston. Heyl recorded the name of the purchaser as the St. Lawrence Towboat Company, but the Canadian Lake Underwriters' Association list of 1874 shows "Towing". The C.L.U.A. list also showed the value of the vessel as \$14,000 and classified her as C, with a notation that she had been surveyed in March of 1874.

The new owner cut BANSHEE down to a tug, but she operated for them for only a few years, usually towing vessels through the dangerous Coteau Lake section of the St. Lawrence River. The St. Lawrence Towing Company in 1875 became the St. Lawrence Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Quebec. It is believed that BANSHEE, a victim of old age (for a heavily-used wooden hull) was broken up in 1876, although her register was not closed officially until January 21st, 1883, thus causing confusion as to when the old steamer actually reached the end of her career.

It is interesting to note that the Canadian Navigation Company was absorbed into the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company Ltd., Montreal, in 1875, just after BANSHEE had been sold out of the fleet, and the St. Lawrence Steam Navigation Company Ltd., was also absorbed into the R & O, although not until 1886, after BANSHEE was long gone from the scene.

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#### Footnotes:

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