

self-unloader will be given a special temporary raised hatch coaming, and the letters 'ASC - GATX' will be painted in white on her sides. The lettering will be removed after the special trip.

At the auction held on January 17th, the two former BobLo Island ferry steamers COLUMBIA and STE. CLAIRE were sold to the Steamer Columbia Foundation. If the sale is approved, the Foundation would restore the COLUMBIA for use as a floating nautical museum, and would sell STE. CLAIRE to anyone interested in restoring and operating her. The "Detroit Free Press" reported details of the sale. The Detroit Economic Growth Corp. held a mortgage on the boats in consequence of loans to their former owner, Larry Siegel, operator of Baja Beach Clubs and the former restaurant boat LANSDOWNE. The mortgage was in default and William Worden, a director of the city's Historic Designation Advisory Board, acquired the \$342,027 mortgage for the Steamer Columbia Foundation, of which he is president, the price of the transfer being \$1. Foreclosure proceedings were instituted and the delinquent mortgage was put up to bid on the boats. The only other bidder at the auction was seeking to overturn the sale, according to a February 5th "Free Press" report.

The past winter was especially difficult in some areas of the Great Lakes. Residents of Beaver Island in Lake Michigan were cut off from supplies because of the conditions, and by early March were in desperate need of fuel oil, as the tanker barge/tug combination MICHIGAN and GREAT LAKES was unable to enter St. James Harbor at the island due to heavy ice. An emergency delivery of 10,000 gallons of fuel oil was made on March 6th by the U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender ACACIA, which carried the fuel in her own tanks and transferred it to trucks on arrival at the island.

The Canada Steamship Lines' 715-foot, 33792 Gross Ton bulk carrier FERBEC, (a) FUGAKU MARU (76), which normally operates in the St. Lawrence River ore trade, underwent a refit costing \$2 million while spending the past winter at Montreal. The work was done by Montreal Tankers, in partnership with Verreault Shipyard.

The St. Lawrence canals opened for the season on March 29th, and the first upbound passage was made by the salty FEDERAL FUJI, which had arrived on the lower approach wall at St. Lambert Lock on March 27. The Coast Guard icebreaker PIERRE RADISSON had entered the canals back on March 19th in order to tackle the ice in the system.

Elsewhere in this issue, we reported that the former Socanav tanker J. C. PHILLIPS is now operating as (c) TRADEWIND SPIRIT under the Panamanian flag. Her sistership, L. ROCHELLE, must have been bought by the same new owners, as a late report indicates that she is now running as (c) TRADEWIND ISLAND. Also, the former ENERCHEM DOLPHIN is now named simply DOLPHIN, operating under Barbados registry, according to a recent Lloyd's report.

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LAY-UP LISTINGS

The following additional listings come via Ray Kramer, Terry Sechen and Larry Tonnos.

St. Joseph-de-la-Rive: J.A.Z. DESGAGNES, JACQUES DESGAGNES, MATHILDA DESGAGNES.

Buffalo: Add MARINE STAR. Toledo: Add NICOLET. Nanticoke: CANADIAN TRANSPORT.

Port Dover: HUSKY 120 (scrapping), MISEFORD (tug), S.M.T.B. #7 (barge).

Port Maitland: BEECHGLEN (scrap), MISS LIBBY (barge), MR. CHRIS (barge), MR. NEIL (drill rig), TIMESAVER II (barge), TELESIS (drill rig).

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