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When searching for a photo of BURLINGTON to illustrate this article, we could have chosen from many excellent views. One, however, struck us as being extremely pertinent. It is far from a good shot of this handsome steamer, having been taken on the dark afternoon of June 19, 1953, as she passed upbound by Mission Point at the head of Little Rapids Cut at the Soo. Since he had taken many better pictures of BURLINGTON in previous years, your Editor cannot help but wonder if the photographer, his late father, John H. Bascom, might have had some premonition of what was to come. The photo, you see, is probably the last one taken of BURLINGTON before the collision with SCOTIADOC on foggy Lake Superior some 24 hours later.

If any of our readers can supply additional information concerning SCOTIADOC, we would be pleased to hear from them. Of particular interest would be any details regarding the 1910 collision which resulted in such severe damage to the bow of MARTIN MULLEN.

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RESULTS OF THE SILENT AUCTION

Our members will recall that, in the April issue, we described six items of lake marine memorabilia which had been donated to the Toronto Marine Historical Society and which we were selling by silent auction to help defray the cost of publishing "Scanner" and to avoid the necessity of increasing membership fees. The reserve bids which we placed on the six items totalled \$260.00, although we did expect that bids would exceed that figure.

The members will be pleased, and somewhat surprised, we think, to learn that the sale of these six items netted T.M.H.S. the incredible sum of \$2,174.94! This completely unexpected amount of income means that there will be no need whatever to consider any change in our current fee structure in order to keep our Society solvent.

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to those who donated the six items, and to all of those who bid on them, and we congratulate and thank the lucky winners. We hope to be able to run another silent auction in the future for the benefit of the Society, and would be grateful to receive any donated materials for such a sale.

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FRIDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY AFTERNOON?

For several years now, we have been considering the question of whether the usual Friday evening time spot is the most convenient for members attending our regular entertainment meetings. Some of our members seem to have no particular preference one way or the other, while other members would prefer meetings on Saturday afternoons to accommodate their work schedules or to facilitate travel from outside Toronto. There seems to be more of a preference for Saturday afternoon meetings during the winter months, when travel may be difficult, than in the spring or fall months when many members want to spend their Saturdays watching ships or pursuing other out-of-doors activities.

With this in mind, we are willing to try holding the January, February and March meetings on Saturday afternoon, if the majority of those who regularly attend meetings, or would like to but have been unable to do so, express their agreement. On the membership renewal form which accompanies this issue, we have requested that you indicate your preference, and we shall be happy to follow the wishes of the majority if you will be so kind as to fill in your answer to this question when you send us your renewal.

Please respond. It is essential that we know the wishes of the members.

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