

members who are our regular correspondents and contributors to "Scanner", without whose help we couldn't put out the newsletter at all; those who helped by contributing historical material for sale for the benefit of the Society and those who bought them; those who put on programmes for us, and those who supported us with their continued membership in the Society.

And now, in concluding these remarks, it is time to pass along to you the same words which we say every year at this time. Repetitive they well may be, and they even may seem a bit unimaginative, but they truly are sincere in that they come straight from the heart and because they mean so very much. We can think of no better way to speak of the coming of Christmas, and of our inevitable passage into a new calendar year, one more closer to the changing of the century and the millenium.

Many of our members are closely associated with the lake shipping industry, and it is our hope that the 1997 navigation season was for them as pleasant, safe and profitable as could be possible. We wish all of our sailors and vessel operators the very best for 1998. Indeed, we hope that the coming year will be a very good one for all of our members and, of course, for the Toronto Marine Historical Society itself, and for "Scanner".

But now, as memories of the long, hot and dreamy summertime and the beauties of a superb autumn fade away; as the the skies and waters of our Great Lakes take on that familiar grey pallor of winter and we work hard to secure the storm windows that we hope will keep the nasty weather on the outside; as the winds rage and the blowing snows obscure the horizons, and as the haze rises from the cold waters, the lake ships scurry to collect and deliver their last cargoes of the year before they seek the calm and safety of winter quarters in snug ports. We wish them all safe passage.

And to all of the many members of our large and growing family, the Toronto Marine Historical Society, we take this opportunity to extend to all of you our very best wishes for A Very Merry Christmas and for all possible Happiness in the New Year. Take care, dear friends, and may 1998 bring to us all a full measure of love, warmth, good health and success in all of our endeavours.

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DINING ON INLAND SEAS

T.M.H.S. member Daniel C. Krummes, co-director of the Institute of Transportation Library at the University of California, Berkeley, has produced a book entitled Dining on Inland Seas: Nautical China from the Great Lakes Region of North America. This is the first book to document, describe and illustrate the china used aboard passenger ships and freighters on the lakes and St. Lawrence River, including salt-water ships that have traded into the area. Interesting china certainly has not been limited to the famous deep-sea passenger lines! This new book is a 234-page hardcover with over 300 illustrations.

Cost of the book is U.S. \$49.95 plus \$4.75 shipping. Contact Nautical Works Press, 102 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684. Credit card orders may be called to 1-800-283-3774. For those on the Internet, additional information about the book may be obtained from the Nautical Works website at <http://www.netonecom.net>

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Postal Woes: Those of you to whom "Scanner" comes via the mail will have experienced a delay in receiving the November issue due to labour problems at Canada Post. We hope that things will be resolved in time for the December issue to arrive on time.

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