

T.M.H.S. MEETINGS

Although "The Pier", Heritage Toronto's new marine museum located in the former Pier 4 shed on Toronto's waterfront, is now open, we propose to continue meeting at the old museum site in the Stanley Barracks building at Exhibition Place as long as Heritage Toronto can make that location available to us. The excellent new museum is close to public transportation for local members, but offers no free or even readily-available parking for our out-of-town members who drive to the meetings. Hence we felt we should remain at the old venue as a convenience to the majority of our attending members.

We also intend to continue the holding of our January, February and March meetings on Saturday afternoons instead of Friday evenings, also as a convenience to those who drive in from distant locations. Please be sure to watch the front page of "Scanner" for details of all upcoming meetings.

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THE SILENT AUCTION

Our most recent silent auction, held this past spring, proved to be an outrageous success and generated enough income for the Society that, once again, we have no problem in maintaining our annual membership fees at the same level as we have kept for many years. Would it surprise you to learn that the auction raised a net income of \$1,568.87 for T.M.H.S.? It does not surprise us, because we long ago learned that our members not only are extremely generous in sharing their collections with others, but also can dig deep when it comes to acquiring interesting items of memorabilia when a good cause is involved.

We extend sincere thanks to all of those who made memorabilia available for the auction, and we express similar thanks to those who bid on or acquired it. We also thank, in advance, those who recently have made other items available to us for our NEXT silent auction, to be held in 1999. As usual, names are not mentioned here, for we all know that items from old ships may have been acquired through a variety of interesting methods!

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FLEET HISTORIES - VOLUME FIVE

Freshwater Press, Inc. has recently published Volume Five of John O. Greenwood's The Fleet Histories Series. This volume includes the histories of the fleets of the Central Paper Company, Lake Ports Shipping and Navigation Company, Petoskey Transportation Company, and the companies operated by Sydney C. McLouth, but it features the nine different shipping companies managed by the members of the famous Hutchinson family of Cleveland. It is difficult to believe that more than thirty-five years have passed since the Hutchinson-operated Pioneer Steamship Company went into voluntary liquidation and sold off its vessels. The familiar red hull and black stack with its large, white letter 'H' remained visible for a few years as the Buckeye Steamship Company survived, albeit with somewhat different management. Even Buckeye, however, ceased operations when bought out by the Steinbrenner interests in 1968.

Fleet Histories - Volume Five follows the format of the other volumes in the series. It features detailed corporate histories, together with details of all vessels making up the various fleets featured, and there are many well-produced and often rare photographs. This is a hardcover publication.

Volume Five is available from many lake-area booksellers, or you may purchase it for U.S. \$24.75 (plus shipping) from Freshwater Press, Inc., at 1700 East 13th Street, Suite 3-R-E, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3213, U.S.A. Phone (216) 241-0373 or fax (216) 781-6344.

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