

Special words of thanks are due to Don McCartney for turning up some very rare materials, and to Bruce Rudolph for his work on the history of Polson Iron Works. If only we knew what became of Polson's half-model of MANITOBA.

The author says that the MANITOBA feature would not have happened without the contributions and work of the editor, while the editor says that it could not have happened without the huge research and writing project mounted over a lengthy period of time by the author. This project has been a long time in the making. Such a great ship as the "TOBY", so loved by so many for so long, deserved nothing less.

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### KNOW YOUR SHIPS 2001

Member Roger LeLievre has sent us the 42nd edition of this annual directory, of which he is editor and publisher. The 144-page softcover is presented in its usual format, replete with excellent colour photos (including CUYAHOGA on the front cover). Indexed ship listings are by fleet, and flag and stack charts are included.

Order from Marine Publishing Co., Box 68, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, by phone (906) 632-8417, by fax (734) 668-4734, or at [www.knowyourships.com](http://www.knowyourships.com) on line. The price is U.S. \$14.95 plus \$3.00 postage and packing. It also is available at various book and gift shops around the lakes, and we are told that it can be had in Toronto from Lynx Images, 104 Scollard Street (in the Yorkville district), phone (416) 925-8422.

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### BRANCH LINES AND SOCANAV TANKERS OF THE GREAT LAKES

This 44-page softcover, in 8½ x 11 inch format, has been produced by member Skip Gillham, with Bruno Boissonneault. It gives the histories of all powered tankers operated on the lakes by Branch Lines and by Socanav Ltee. There are colour photos on the covers and many black-and-white images inside. The book is available in both English and French editions.

The price of the book is Can. \$16.00, and members may order direct from Skip Gillham, P.O. Box 443, Vineland, Ontario LOR 2C0.

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### KEN VOSS

It is with regret that we inform the members of the sudden passing, at his home in Thorold on April 10, of William Kenneth Voss, age 86. Born and raised in Toronto, and a U of T student of chemical engineering, he worked his way through school on lake steamers, including the famous ROBERT P. DURHAM. He later went to work at the Ontario Paper mill at Thorold, and retired in 1979 as vice-president. Much involved in community activities in Thorold, he remained a ship fan and was a member of T.M.H.S. for many years.

Ken, predeceased by Ruth, his wife of 60 years, is survived by three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, to whom we express our sympathy. The funeral was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Thorold, on April 13th.

We are indebted to Capt. John Leonard, another Ontario Paper (Q & O Transportation) alumnus, for this information.

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