

the Toronto Marine Historical Society during 2002. We include the members of the Executive Committee who have attended to the operation of the Society and chaired the entertainment meetings; the members who are our regular correspondents and contributors to "Scanner" and without whose help we could not produce this newsletter at all; those who answered our call for lay-up listings; those who delivered "Scanner" in their local areas and saved us postage; those who contributed historical items for sale to benefit T.M.H.S. and those who bought them; those who put on entertainment programmes for us and those who attended them, and all the many who supported us with their continued membership.

And now it is time to pass along to you those same words which we say every year at this time. Repetitive they may be and even unimaginative, but they come from the heart and 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 year. We are saddened that several of our old friends no longer are here with us to make that passage, but we know that they have "crossed the bar" to a better place and await us there.

Many of our members are closely associated with the lake shipping industry. It is our hope that the 2002 navigation season was for them as pleasant, safe and profitable as possible. We wish for all of our sailors, vessel operators and historians the very best for 2003.

But now, as our memories of a long, hot summertime fade away, as the skies and waters of our Great Lakes take on the grey pallor of winter and we work to secure the insulation 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 "smoke" 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 members of our large chosen 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 2003 bring to us all an increased measure of love, warmth, security, good health and success in all of our endeavours.

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#### WINTER LAY-UP LISTINGS

Once again, our February issue will include the listings of ships laid up at our lake and river ports, not only to preserve the record but also so our members may travel to distant ports to see the boats wintering there if so desired. So once your local port has welcomed its winter fleet, please drop us a note as soon as possible to identify all lay-ups there. You may write to the Editor at the address shown on the cover, you may phone evenings to (416) 921-8436, or e-mail [jay.bascom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jay.bascom@sympatico.ca)

In addition to major commercial ships, we will include tugs and ferries. Please include them in your lists but be certain to note what kind of vessel is being named to avoid confusion at our end.

Thank you for helping with this annual project. Please ensure that your lists reach us no later than January 23rd, as any subsequent listings will have to wait until the March issue, and by then spring almost will be here!

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#### MARINE NEWS

In our last issue, we reported that Canada Steamship Lines Inc. had purchased from Fednav the bulk carrier FRASER, and that she would be renamed (e) SPRUCEGLEN (ii). We wondered how Fednav could sell a ship it didn't own, and we now have the answer. FRASER (along with her sistership MACKENZIE) has been owned for a number of years by the Mirebeni Corp., of Tokyo, but Fednav