

spent a quarter of a century on the HERCULES, replacing Captain Jackson in 1948. Among Port Stanley residents who worked on the dredge or tug were: Bill Vaughan, Doug Chapman, Don Jennings, Hugh Hyett, Bill Bell Sr., Capt. John Howell, Pauline Smith, Ken Murray, Bus Cromwell, Darby West, Beverley Bell, Rick Redman [Sr.], Russell (Rud) Yeo, Ronnie Haight, Lawrence Westaway, Bud Fulkerson, Faye Smith and Dean Smith.

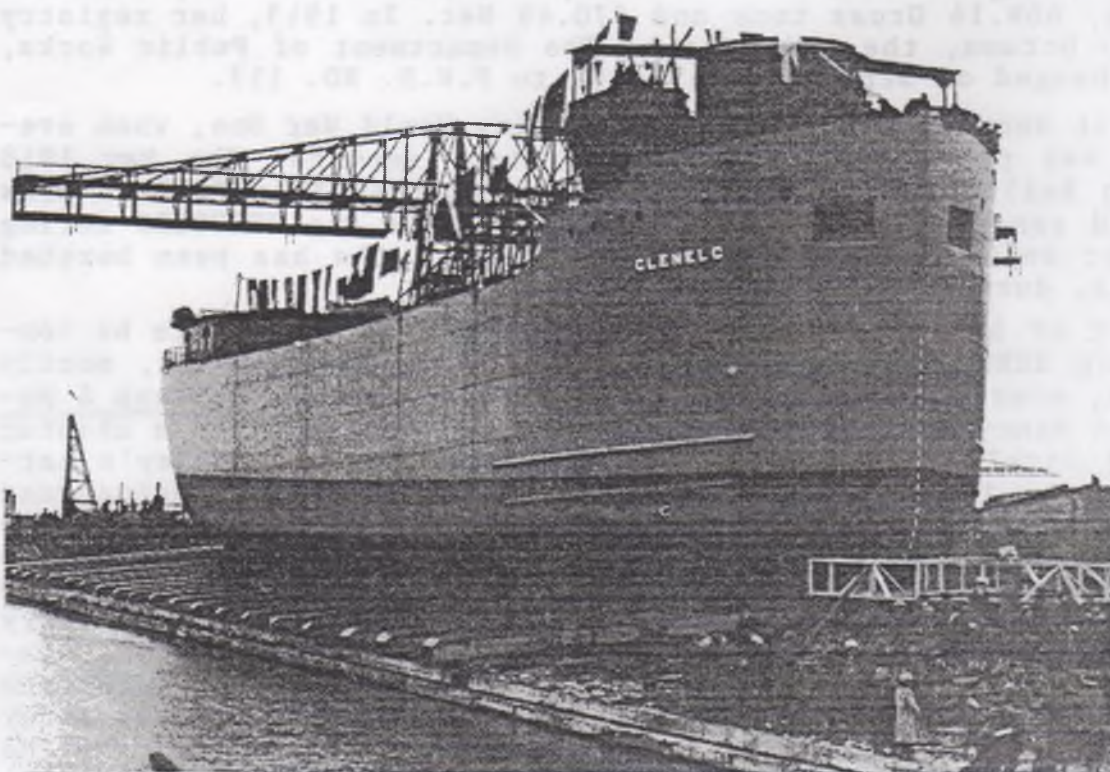
"The dredges were complete factories in themselves. They contained engines, generators, huge winches, workshops, a kitchen, and sleeping accommodations. They had to be towed into position but once there they would sink their long spuds into the mud to steady the vessel. Then the huge bucket would be submerged, rising to the surface minutes later with yards of mud and clay to be deposited in the barges. As the scows settled lower in the water, the tug HERCULES would come alongside and heavy hawsers would be attached. The procession of tug and barges would then proceed out into the lake where doors in the bottom of the scows would be opened and the silt would slip into the lake.

"The dredging was not carried out without incident. On May 29, 1952, at 8:45 a.m., Dredge 117 was working in the channel only a few feet off the light-house on the west pier. A brake on the main drive wheel sheared off and crashed through the bottom of the dredge. In minutes, P.W.D. 117 was listing and sinking to the bottom in 25 feet of water."

And there we will leave this tale until the next issue, at which time the loss of this dredge and the subsequent salvage attempts will be continued, and at which time we will give credit, as best we can, to all of the people who have assisted.

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GLENELG REVISITED



In the October issue, we featured the self unloading cannaller GLENELG which was constructed 1922-1923 as Hull 11 of the Midland Shipbuilding Company. Latterly converted to a dry bulker and then to a cement carrier, she lasted until 1966.

She was owned first by the Great Lakes Transportation Company and, from 1926 onward, by Canada Steamship Lines.

This photo, courtesy of Bill Breaker, shows GLENELG on the Midland ways on the day of her launching, May 12, 1923.

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