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For the most part, the information is limited to photographs of vessels along with basic hull dimensions, tonnage, and (where available) quotations concerning the vessel drawn from period newspapers. This section of the book suffers from the lack of critical analysis, and from the marked lack of historical knowledge on the part of the author.

Photographs are not always matched to the information provided. On page 43, two photographs of a vessel named 'Montreal' are shown and are purported to be the same boat, but they clearly are not. Even worse, on page 109, the vessels 'Marquis' and 'Northcote' are simply mislabelled.

When dealing with historical information, Charlebois seems to be on tenuous ground. He notes that the 'Northcote' pioneered a practice termed "grasshoppering." It seems strange that a technique identical to that operation and given at times the same name was common practice in the USA at least fifty years prior to the construction of the 'Northcote.' A critique of all the misleading general statements and errors of fact, especially in the section on the Yukon with which the reviewer has knowledge, is simply not worth the effort.

In his final statements (on ship registration) he hints at some of the difficulties encountered by the historian and some of the historical tools available to him. Unfortunately, given the quality of this work, the author has not mastered them.

--Arnold Roos  
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#### QUERY

Mr Phil Mozel would like to hear from anyone with information concerning the observatory at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Ontario, including history, photographs, present whereabouts of observatory records and instruments, etc.

He will return all materials loaned, or examined them in situ. Mr Mozel can be reached at:

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