

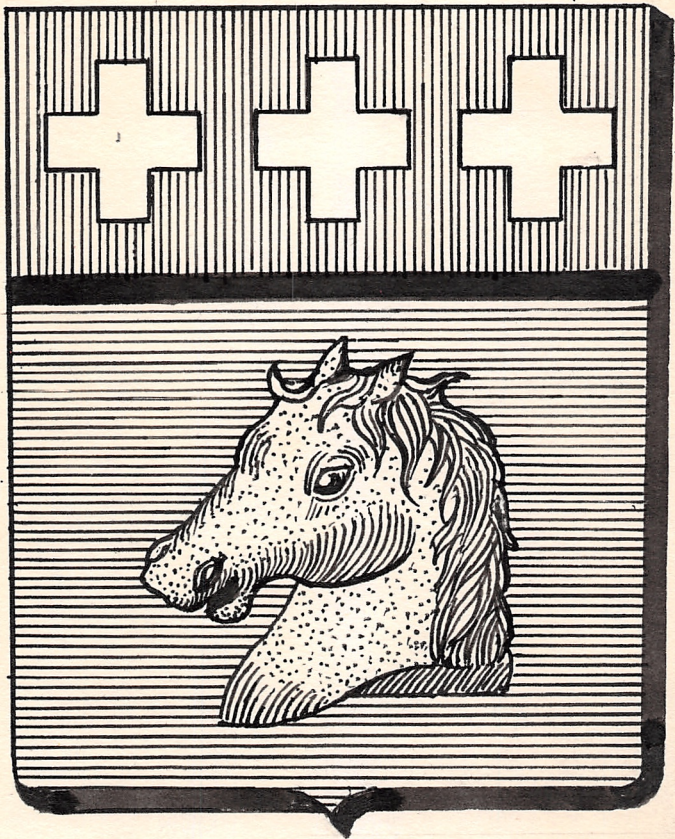


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OUVERTURE DE LA VOIE MARITIME
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The SIMCOE is a 1783 ton vessel built in Britain in 1923, and is a coal burner. The SIMCOE is less than 250 feet in length. Seaway President Roberts said the two vessels the SIMCOE and the PRESCODOC were chosen for the opening honor since they had priority over other ships wintering in Montreal harbor. The first west-bound vessel the 36 year old SIMCOE a coal burning Canadian canaller riding empty to Kingston, Ontario for a cargo of grain went through all seven locks in about 20 hours.

Le premier navire à payer son passage a été ce cargo de modeste tonnage, le SIMCOE dont les couleurs rouge noir et blanc de son propriétaire, le CANADA STEAMSHIP LINES, symbolisent à elles seules toute l'histoire de la navigation entre Montréal et les Grands Lacs. Le SIMCOE effectue ce voyage depuis 36 ans déjà.