

### Forestry/Marine Careers

Several Random Islanders who went overseas with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit returned to Newfoundland and found work in the mercantile trade. The seagoing career of one of those men, Clarence R. Martin, has already been noted in the 'rescued from shipwrecks' section earlier in this chapter. At this point the focus turns to others who served in both the Forestry and the Merchant Navy.

*Ingham Green.* Ingham was born at St. Jones Without to Jasper and Rachel Green on March 2, 1917. The family resettled at Hickman's Harbour in the 1930s. Ingham joined the Newfoundland Forestry Overseas Unit in the fall of 1939 and embarked for Scotland on January 23, 1940 on the SS *Chroby*. When his six month contract with the Forestry Unit was out, Ingham returned to Newfoundland and began a lifelong seafaring career. Like many Hickman's Harbour men, Ingham sailed in the *Miss Vardy* and the *Morning Star II* during the war years. He was the second hand with Clarence R. Martin on the *Golden Dawn*, when it operated as a ferry boat between Portugal Cove and Bell Island. From a brief period on this ferry boat, Ingham joined foreign going transport ships that operated out

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Boatswain Ingham Green.

of Montreal, Quebec and St. John, New Brunswick. One of those was the SS *Mulgrave Park* and another was the SS *Mont Gaspé*. When the war was over Ingham continued his marine career. Records show that he was Able Seaman on the *Mulgrave Park* in 1945 and that he was promoted to Boatswain on this ship in 1946. He was Boatswain on the SS *Marchpont* at different times in 1947, 1948 and 1949. Also in 1949 (from June to September), he was boatswain on the *Mont Gaspé*, a ship he continued to sail on until 1953. Ingham's engagement and discharge papers for those years indicate the international flavour of his many voyages on those ships. The ports of call were in the Mediter-

ranean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, the Indian Ocean and China.

In 1954, Ingham joined the Canadian National Railway coastal boat service that operated around the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. For approximately 7 of his 27 year career with Canadian National he was on the SS *Cabot Strait*, spending the remaining 20 years on the SS *Hopedale*. Ingham died in 1982, just one year after his retirement from Canadian National and more than 40 years at sea.