A plea from Australia

Expand the Maritime Museum

Of many cities visited on a recent trip around the world your lovely city of Victoria has left a very happy and marked impression.

There was so much evidence of civic pride and citizens were most helpful and obliging towards their visitors.

Your Provincial Museum is superb as is also the Maritime Museum, which, in both cases, are extremely fascinating and instructive.

Present site of Maritime Museum — the old court house in Bastion Square.

The former of course is in perpetuity, but what of the latter? This is a most important exhibition and should be perpetuated in like manner, and every effort should be made to do this while there are dedicated and knowledgeable people around to advise.

The history of Victoria is so closely associated with the sea, the ships and the brave men who sailed them that it seems appropriate to display the city's traditions through an expanding Maritimé Museum.

I heartily agree with the sentiments expressed by the following quotation (from Canadian Historical Revue) which is featured at the Provincial Museum: "No self-respecting society can neglect or wantonly destroy the records of its own development without living to regret it."

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The fate of the Maritime Museum will be decided at a general meeting of the membership this month. — Ed.