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Frachter cut in two.

Length: 50 m.

124 ft.

About three years after her launching the motorship "Prins Willem V" was back at the shipyard at Bolnes near Rotterdam, to be lengthened.

This intricate work was done with great skill and took only 20 minutes. A wide gap of about 15 metres arose.

Before the operation started the ship had been towed on the slips and thereafter been cut through on a place before the bridge.

On signal the two halves moved gradually but continuously apart.

The "Prins Willem V" sailed from Holland to the great Canadian lakes in regular service.

When building the ship the owners had to take in to account the length of the sluices in the old canals between Montreal and Lake Ontario.

Now that a new sluice-system will be opened very soon, the ship can be lengthened.

Its loading capacity will improve by 680 tons.

This operation though seeming revolutionary, is not the first on this wharf.

A sister-ship of the "Prins Willem V" was already enlarged in the same way.