

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Dinner menu from EMPRESS OF ENGLAND

Date

19 July 1962

Primary Maker

Canadian Pacific Steamship Company

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 266 x 210 mm

Name

Menu

History

EMPRESS OF ENGLAND was built for Canadian Pacific and launched in 1956 by Vickers-Armstrong Ltd, Newcastle. It served as a cruise ship for passengers sailing between England and Canada, however, by the early 1960s, passenger numbers dwindled. By 1970, after travelling from British ports to South Africa and again to Canada, EMPRESS OF ENGLAND was renamed OCEAN MONARCH and recommenced sailing to various new destinations including Australia and New Zealand. There are a large number of these menus in the museum collection. They generally feature an illustration or design reflecting the key attributes of the ship, the ports or countries visited during the journey. This menu series portrays the history of travel through the illustrations and accompanying descriptions, which would have been read by passengers during the evening meal. The description accompanying this particular menu reads: 'This composite drawing is built up from one of Leonardo's many projects for flying machines. On this one the wing movements were to be performed by the hands in rising and by the feet in descending. The contrast with Canadian Pacific Airlines is extreme. Comfort and serenity are our speciality. Flying at its most efficient is something we take for granted.'