

Canadian Merchant Shipping Losses During the War.

Canadian Railway and Marine World for January contained a list of Canadian registered vessels lost through enemy action during the war. The information was extracted from a return by the Admiralty presented to the British House of Commons, recently, for which we are indebted to the Deputy Minister of Marine. We have been advised that three sailing ships which were sunk by German submarines, were omitted, as follows,—

Aug. 19, 1915—St. Olaf (s) 323 gross tons, sunk off southeast coast of Ireland.

Aug. 14, 1917—First Prize (s), 227 gross tons, sunk off the English coast.

July 20, 1918—Charles Theriault (s), 339 gross tons, sunk off the Azores.

No lives were lost in either of these disasters.

The sailing ships, Clayton W. Walters and Marion Adams, part of the fishing fleet which was attacked by a German submarine on the Canadian Atlantic coast in Aug., 1918, and which were mentioned in our last issue as having been captured but not sunk, were, at the time we were advised, at Lunenburg, N.S.

Cunard, Anchor, and Anchor-Donaldson Lines' Atlantic Services.

The Cunard Line is operating a freight service between Canada, London and Avonmouth, Eng., and the Anchor-Donaldson Line is running between Canada and Glasgow, Scotland. All of the Cunard Lines' passenger steamships sailing between Canada and the United Kingdom, prior to 1914, were lost during the war, and new steamships are being built for the service. It is expected that the first of these will be ready shortly after the reopening of St. Lawrence navigation. The steamships operated formerly on the route were: Andania, Auronia, Ascania and Ausonia, and it is said that the steamships now being built will have the same names. The Anchor-Donaldson line is operating two steamships on the Glasgow route and two others are under construction.

In addition to the Canadian service the Cunard Line is operating from New York to London, Plymouth, Southampton, Liverpool, Avonmouth, Eng.; Havre, Cherbourg, France; Antwerp, Belgium; Rotterdam, Holland; Danzig, and Mediterranean ports; from Boston, Mass., to Liverpool, London, and Mediterranean ports; from Philadelphia, Pa., and Baltimore, Md., to Liverpool, and Avonmouth, Eng., and Glasgow, Scotland, and Mediterranean ports; and from Boston, Mass., to Glasgow, Scotland.

The Cunard Steamship Co. is announced to have increased its capital stock from £1,000,000 to £4,500,000, the new shares being offered to present shareholders at the rate of one new share for every two held.

The Grand Manan Steamboat Co. Ltd., has been granted supplementary letters patent, under the New Brunswick Companies Act, increasing its authorized capital from \$20,000 to \$60,000, and extending its powers, to cover the building, owning and operating of ships of every description, and the necessary structures for navigation and repair of ships.

Among the Express Companies.

Canadian National Ex. Co. has opened offices at Edson, Dandurand, Jasper, Rosevale and Peers, Alta.

The Canadian Ex. Co., which was fined \$200 and costs recently for a breach of the Ontario Temperance Act by carrying intoxicating liquors from one point to another in Quebec (Montreal to Hull), through a portion of Ontario, and appealed, has had the conviction quashed.

The Canadian Ex. Co. was sued at Riverfield, Que., recently, by a local farmer, who claimed \$235.85 damages on the sale of 9 pigs, alleged to have become unsaleable, while in possession of the express company for transit between Howick and Montreal. The evidence showed that the plaintiff did not conform to the rules for shipping goods, and that the pigs were shipped without proper wrappings, the judge therefore, disallowed the claim, but as the company had accepted the pigs in an improperly wrapped condition, it was ordered to pay its own costs.

Telegraph, Telephone and Cable Matters.

The British Secretary of State for the Colonies is reported as being preparing a scheme for Imperial wireless communication to link up all Britain's overseas possessions for commercial purposes.

Telephone communication was established between Ottawa, Ont., and Halifax, Jan. 22, the distance covered being approximately 1,300 miles, the connections being made by 4 telephone companies, one of which is a United States one.

The U.S. Government has completed, what is said to be the largest radiotelegraph station in the world, at Bordeaux, France, and it is stated that it will be in full operation in the spring. The aerials are swung upon 8 steel towers, each 900 ft. high.

The Great North Western Telegraph Co. has opened offices at Black Cape, Montmagny and Prouxville, Que., Burwash, Ont., and Birch River, Man., and has closed its offices at Little Metis light-house and Perthuis, Que., Beamsville, Beaumaris, Cardinal Canal, Carpenter (Winona), Mille Roches, Wilgar and Wyebridge, Ont.

The Montreal Telegraph Co.'s report for 1919 shows cash, accounts receivable, bonds and other securities as \$163,483, and liabilities \$132,586. The total assets are given as \$2,315,307 against \$2,314,422 in 1918. The usual dividends amounting to \$160,000, were paid during the year and the directors were re-elected for this year.

The Commercial Cable Co. announced early in January that the direct trans-Pacific cable to Manila has been broken, owing to coral formation. The break, it is stated is between Guam and Manila, where it broke early in 1919, when traffic was suspended for about 10 weeks. It is expected to have the cable in operation again early in February.

Restrictions on Immigrants—An order in council was passed recently, providing that immigrants into Canada from overseas who are mechanics, artisans, or laborers, skilled or unskilled, must on landing in Canada be in possession of \$250, as well as transportation to destination. This restriction is in force until March 31, unless otherwise ordered.

Trade and Supply Notes.

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Taylor & Arnold Ltd.—Railway and Marine Supplies, Montreal, has changed its name to Taylor & Arnold Engineering Co. Ltd.

Calendars—Wall calendars for 1920 have been received from American Steel Foundries, Chicago; John Bertram and Sons, Dundas, Ont.; Cunard Steamship Co., Montreal; Dearborn Chemical Co., Chicago and Toronto; Lyman Tube & Supply Co., Montreal; Pratt and Whitney Co., Dundas, Ont.; Taylor & Arnold Engineering Co., Montreal.

Davis-Bourbonville Co., Jersey City, N.J., and Niagara Falls, Ont., has issued an illustrated bulletin of 4 pages on its lead burners, outfits for welding lead sheets, storage battery connectors, lead pipes, chemical apparatus, and all lead work. The company has also issued the January number of its quarterly publication, "Autogenous Welding," which is devoted to oxy acetylene welding and cutting, and the education of operators.

Wilt Twist Drill Co. of Canada, Walkerville, Ont.—F. R. Humpage, Vice President and General Manager, has resigned to take effect Mar. 31. He has been in ill health for some time, and felt it necessary to divorce himself for the time being from all business activities and he left towards the end of January for Miami, Florida, where he expects to remain a sufficient length of time to secure entire restoration of health. He has been connected with the company for about 3½ years, during which, it is said, he has been successful in more than trebling the output and sales of the factory and has also added new lines to the company's products, among them being that of the manufacture of reamers and milling cutters on a large scale and more recently the manufacture of a full line of special Ford reamers.

Transportation Conventions in 1920

- Feb. 10-12—American Wood Preservers' Association, Chicago, Ill.
- Mar. 16-18—American Railway Engineering Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May—Association of Railway Claim Agents, Atlantic City, N.J.
- May—International Railway Fuel Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 5-7—Air Brake Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 12—Railway Accounting Officers' Association, Washington, D.C.
- May 25-28—Master Boiler Makers' Association, Minneapolis, Minn.
- June—American Association of Freight Agents.
- June 9-16—American Railroad Association's Mechanical Section, Atlantic City, N.J.
- Oct. 5-7—Maintenance of Way Master Painters' Association, Detroit, Mich.
- Oct. 19-21—American Railway Bridge and Building Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Transportation Associations, Clubs, Etc.

The names of persons given below are those of the secretaries unless otherwise stated:
 American Association of Port Authorities. M. P. Fennell, Jr., 57 Common St., Montreal.
 Belleville Railway Men's Educational Club. Meets each Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. F. A. Pinkston, Belleville, Ont.
 Canadian Car Service Bureau—W. J. Collins, Manager, 401 St. Nicholas Building, Montreal.