

# Imperial Trade Commissioners On Long Tour

Hon. E. Bowring Tells of Some of the Dominions Visited and Work Done

The Stephano, which arrived this morning with bunting flying, brought Hon. E. R. Bowring, managing director of the Newfoundland branch of the Bowring's who has been touring abroad the last eight months as a member of the Imperial Royal Trades Commission.

Mr. Bowring looks the picture of health and his many friends will be delighted to know that the European and South African air agreed with him immensely.

He was at his office at an early hour and though there were a dozen or more anxious to see him, he very kindly gave our reporter an interview. Hon. Mr. Bowring has toured the world over and has visited all the principal cities and beauty spots of the old and new worlds, but he found much to interest him in the vast African Dominion.

Leaving here in October last for New York he took passage to Liverpool by the Carmania, and then proceeded to London, where the Commission was sitting. They met until the latter part of December when they adjourned for Christmas.

On February 7th the Commissioners left Southampton by the Union Castle line Kin Founs Castle, for Capetown, calling at Madeira en route. Fourteen days were spent at Capetown and then a special train was placed at their disposal by the South African Government, and they travelled 6,000 miles, the trip occupying a month.

The first stop was at Oudtshoorn, the centre of the ostrich industry, where no less than 360,000 of the valuable birds are being reared. The land and environments are specially adapted for the growth of the birds and they thrive better there than in any other part of South Africa.

The ostrich are plucked every eight months and yield about 3 lbs. of feathers each. The feathers realize from a very small amount to £20 stg. per pound for superior quality.

They then proceeded to Port Elizabeth, the shipping port of the ostrich industry, and in one warehouse alone Mr. Bowring had the pleasure of seeing a shipment valued at £120,000, waiting to be sent abroad.

The next stopping point was East London, a thriving little city with up-to-date arrangements. Kimberley, the centre of the diamond industry, was the next point, and there the Commissioners were the guests of the great De Beers Co., one of the wealthiest in the world. The valuable diamond mines were inspected and several days were spent taking evidence.

Completing their work there they proceeded to Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State, and then journeyed to the famous city of Durban, the largest and most influential city in that section.

New Castle, the centre of the coal industry, was also visited. Some days were spent at Durban and considerable evidence was taken. From there they went to Pietermaritzburg, and then to Pretoria, where all the administrative buildings of the South African Union are centred.

Johannesburg was the next place and the gold industry was enquired into. The mines were inspected and there the Commission finished its South African work.

Some of the members returned by

the route they had taken, but Mr. Bowring and Mr. W. H. Green, who accompanied him, and Mr. Campbell, one of the Commissioners representing Australia, continued on through Rhodesia, through Bulawayo and to Victoria where they viewed the Falls of Zambesi.

The sight there is enthralling and the falls can justly be termed the greatest of nature's wonders, and beside the Niagara and other marvellous water falls pass into insignificance.

Mr. Bowring has seen the big falls of the world, but Victoria surpasses them all. The river, which is about a mile and a quarter wide, narrows down to about three hundred yards before reaching the falls, and then the water drops 700 feet into a seething lake.

A tiny hotel affords comforts to travellers and a visit to the locality is well worth the trouble. Up to the present nothing has been done to harness the falls, but Mr. Bowring jocularly says there is enough power there to drive all the machinery in the world. The noise is terrific and in the rainy season when the river is swollen, the sight baffles description.

Having viewed the Falls from all the vantage points and secured a number of photographs, Mr. Bowring and his companions went back through Rhodesia to Biera where on April 11th they joined another castle liner and came up the East Coast of Africa, stopping at the old slave trade centres Mozambique, Zanzibar and Mombassa, through the Suez Canal, Aden and Port Soudan, and then to the Old joined the attractive liner of his own firm, the Stephano.

The Commissioners will visit St. John's the latter part of this month. They leave Liverpool, July 27th, on the Allan liner Alsotian for Rimouski where they will join the Dominion steamer Earl Grey and leave July 23rd for St. John's direct, arriving here on the 26th.

The Earl Grey will leave them here and return to Canada. While in Newfoundland they will visit Bell Island, Bishop Falls, Grand Falls and then across country to Port aux Basques, leaving the Colony August 22nd.

The Commissioners are all prominent in the British world. The gentlemen to come here are Sir Alfred Bate men who will likely act as Chairman, as Chairman Vincent is ill and will not be able to come.

Sir Ryder Haggard.  
Sir Jan Langerman.  
Sir G. Foster.  
Sir J. R. Sinclair.  
Mr. Thomas Garnet.  
Mr. Lorimer.  
Mr. Talton.  
Hon. E. R. Bowring.

Preparations for their visit are now being made. They will be fully occupied while here, but no efforts will be spared to make the visit a pleasant one for them.

Hon. Mr. Bowring has had his pretty bungalow at Topsall renovated and will reside there during his stay in St. John's.

From the foregoing brief account it will be seen that he had an extensive trip. We are delighted to see him back and to know that his health which was none too good when he left is now all that he could desire.

## AMERICAN MISER WORTH \$10,000,000 SPENT 40c. DAILY

Frank Ogden Died At 81 Miserable And Neglected

REGARDED AS POOR AND VERY ECCENTRIC

But After His Death It Was Found He Was A Wealthy Man

Houston, Tex., July 6.—Frank A. Ogden, who was found dead in a small, poorly furnished room in a lodging house here recently, left an estate valued at more than \$10,000,000, the only \$10,000,000 has as yet been uncovered by the two temporary administrators, Andral Vana and N. B. Knight, by their examination of deeds and other private papers found in a safety deposit vault at the Union National Bank of Houston.

Ogden was miserly. One of his requirements was that his breakfast should not cost him more than 9 cents, his dinner not to exceed 20 cents, and his supper not more than 25 cents. His living expenses were kept down to a maximum of \$25 a month, even when travelling. He was 81 years old when he died.

Was Thought Very Poor.

It was about ten years ago that Mr. Ogden first appeared here. He soon became a familiar figure upon the streets and in the offices of real estate agents. He was generally regarded as so poor and eccentric person. To lessen expenses he shared his little room at the Burnett Hotel with another lodger, who never suspected that the old man was wealthy.

When, after his death, a battered old trunk in his room was opened it revealed memoranda indicating valuable properties. The proper authorities were notified, a safe and a deposit box were opened, and there came to light a mass of evidence of the vast estate which the man had left. He had been dead two days before his identity was established.

AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY.

The King has been pleased, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trade to award the silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to the following persons:

Mr. Alfred Marker Souter, chief officer, G. Foot, boatswain, and J. Flynn, E. Grundstrom, and F. Wilking, seamen of the steamship Invergyre, of Glasgow; and Mr. William Russell, chief officer, Mr. D. McPhee, third officer, F. Bradshaw, boatswain, W. Jones, carpenter, J. Craddock, J. Hull, and J. Hamilton, seamen, and J. Pickering, greaser, of the steamship Monmouth, of Liverpool, in recognition of their services on Nov. 27 and Nov. 30, 1913, respectively, in rescuing the shipwrecked crew of the brig, Evelyn, of Carnarvon, which was abandoned in the North Atlantic.

The Evelyn was bound from Newfoundland when lost.

Everybody will want to read Evelyn Thaw's "Story of My Life," just published. Our price, 30 cents. Outport friends will remit 32c. in stamps. GARLAND'S BOOKSTORES—jy3,7,9

## RECORD MONTH AT COLLIERIES

Sydney, C.B., June 30.—All previous records were found to have been broken at the colliers of the Dominion Coal Company, when the output figures for the month of June just closing were totalled up.

June a Record Already

With two days more yet to run, the grand total for the collieries operated in Cape Breton by the company, is now roughly four hundred and fifty thousand tons. This is an increase of twenty-three thousand tons over the previously standing record made in October last, when four hundred twenty-five thousand tons were brought above ground.

The figures for June this year are also in excess of the corresponding month of last year, when three hundred and ninety-five thousand tons were produced.

Record Day's Output

This June also holds the record for a single day's output, one say seeing twenty thousand, six hundred and ninety-two tons mined and brought to the surface, previous record being nineteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three tons.

Some Pits Idle

A prominent official of the Coal Company stated that but for several of the collieries being closed down at different times the winter, the four hundred eighty thousand ton mark could easily have been reached. Six colliers are off to-day and nine were off Saturday.

## Very Much Sought After Young Man

Mr. Fred Anheuser Receives Over Thousand Proposals in Six Months

Omaha, Neb., July 6.—Mr. Fred W. Anheuser of Omaha, who has received more than 1,000 proposals of marriage in the last six months, has decided on a bride. He will thereby obtain a legacy of \$50,000 left him by his uncle last fall, provided he got married within 24 months. Anheuser beat the game by nearly eighteen months.

"But, shucks!" says the young Anheuser, "that \$50,000 didn't have anything to do with my marriage. I've been engaged all the time. In fact, the date of our wedding was set before the death of my uncle."

Anheuser is city prosecutor, and the girl he will marry is Miss Katherine Van Lome of this city.

Anheuser's millionaire uncle died last November. The day after the funeral the will was read. To Anheuser's surprise, the old man had remembered him with a legacy of \$50,000. He found that he would have to get married in two years or the \$50,000 would revert to the other heirs.

The story got into the newspapers at once. Mr. Anheuser's photograph was reproduced. In 24 hours all Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming knew of the legacy, and from the number of letters that began pouring in on Anheuser it seemed that every unmarried woman in all those States wanted to help him get possession of that \$50,000.

## Cost Of Good Roads In West Of Canada

The Coast Province, Has Spent Much Money And Will Spend More

In the past 10 years the Government of British Columbia has spent over \$20,000,000 in roads and trails. There are in existence 20,000 miles of completed or partly completed roads, and from all parts of the province come numerous demands for roads, bridges, etc.

With a view to determining the requirements in the way of new roads, and in the bringing up to standard of existing roads, the Department of Works compiled estimates for the necessities of the future. The information was derived from road superintendents throughout the province, and was supplemented by statements of the character of the country to be served and the reasons for their construction.

To link up the system of roads, as shown by the estimates received, will require the sum of \$55,000,000, not including the requirements of the years to come. In a rougher way it has been estimated that between \$100,000,000 and \$125,000,000 will be ultimately required.

COAL FOR THE POOR

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## MEXICO CITY FACES SHORT WATER SUPPLY

Washington, July 4.—The bandit Zapata has cut the water mains and the electric power cables supply Mexico City, according to a despatch received here to-day. The message, which it is presumed was received at the Chilean legation, was communicated to Secretary of State Bryan, who placed the news under a strict ban of secrecy.

Advices state that the people of Mexico are on the verge of a panic in the face of a threatened water famine, with an attack by Zapata's men a probability. The only water available, says the report, is an old well within the federal lines.

FOR SALEM RELIEF

Wilson Asks Congress To Vote \$200,000 At Once

Washington, July 3.—President Wilson sent a special message to Congress to-day urging immediate appropriation of \$200,000 for the relief of those made homeless and destitute in the Salem fire. He inclosed a telegram from Governor Walsh saying that three thousand families were in need.

## DEMOCRATS HAVE A BIG SURPLUS

Washington, July 4.—Democratic administration financiers are congratulating each other on the condition of the government's treasure chest. Despite the first alarming estimates, which predicted a shortage of several million dollars, there is really a surplus of nearly two and a half million dollars.

The new income tax collections came in thick and fast yesterday and amounted to more than \$10,000,000. Under the law the income tax need not be paid until July 10. There is a total of \$3,500,000 yet outstanding, which will wipe out an apparent deficit.

## WHAT THE WORD 'TONNAGE' MEANS

The launching of the Queen Elizabeth, Britain's latest huge battleship, was accompanied by the publication of the usual details concerning her, in the course of which such terms as "displacement," "gross tonnage," "dead-weight capacity," and "net registered tonnage" were used. To all but shipping men, these terms are confusing, if not misleading.

The word "ton," for instance, is not used as it is ordinarily applied, but is a measure of capacity, and not of weight. Each ton in such cases represents 100 cubic feet.

"Displacement" means the avoid-dupois weight of water displaced by a steamer when she leaves a port laden to the Plimsoll mark. In this particular case, "ton" means weight—that is, 2,240 lb. Thirty-five cubic feet of water weighs a ton, and after the number of cubic feet occupied by the vessel below the water-line is ascertained, all you have to do is to divide the total by 35, and you get the displaced water in avoid-dupois weight.

The "gross tonnage" of a vessel is obtained by dividing its cubic contents by 100. It is ascertained by measuring all spaces below the second deck, as well as all permanently-enclosed spaces on that deck, and on all decks above.

"Net tonnage" is the actual capacity of a vessel for cargo carrying. It is obtained by deducting from the gross tonnage the cubic contents of all spaces that cannot be utilized for cargo and passengers, and they include the crew's quarters, the lavatories, engine and machinery rooms, coal bunkers, chart-rooms, and spaces needed for ventilation, etc.

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