

## Shipbuilding in Canada for the British Government.

Canadian Railway and Marine World for April contained information in reference to arrangements made by Jas. P. Esplen, representing the British Shipping Controller, for the Imperial Munitions Board at Ottawa to secure all cargo steamships that may be available in Canada for delivery by May 31, 1918, and which are now completed, or under construction, or which it may be possible to build before that time. It was also stated that five vessels had been arranged for from British Columbia builders, that probably about the same number would be secured from builders in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario, and that further orders would doubtless be placed. We are now in a position to state that the Imperial Munitions Board has arranged to have built for the British Government, at various plants between Montreal and Victoria, B.C., 26 steel steamships, ranging from 2,900 to 8,800 tons capacity, and with a total tonnage of 130,000. It is not probable that any more orders will be placed for steel steamships, at least for some time to come, on account of the impossibility of securing any further supply of steel plates for several months hence.

The Imperial Munitions Board will also place orders, as soon as possible, for as many wooden steamships, ranging from 3,000 to 3,500 tons capacity, as can be built in Canada. Standard designs and specifications for them have been under discussion between the Imperial Munitions Board, a representative of the British Shipping Controller, and shipbuilding companies, and are about completed. Most of these wooden steamships will necessarily be built on the Pacific coast, on account of its advantages in regard to the supply of the timber required, but some will probably also be built on the Atlantic coast. In connection with this, the Minister of Finance has arranged to advance \$10,000,000 to the British Government, as a loan, which will be used in paying for the wooden steamships.

It is stated that R. P. Butchart, of Victoria, will have charge of the business organization of the wooden shipbuilding for the Imperial Munitions Board.

The Imperial Munitions Board at Ottawa is closely co-operating with the United States Shipping Board in regard to the building of wooden steamships and it is said that standardized types of vessels have been agreed upon and that there will be a common schedule of prices and contracts.

As stated in Canadian Railway and Marine World for April, the Dominion Government, between Sept. 19 and Nov. 15, authorized the exportation to Norway, on completion, of 18 cargo steamships, to be built at New Glasgow, N.S., Montreal, Toronto, Port Arthur, Ont., and Vancouver, B.C., and for the exportation to the United States of two others to be built at Toronto. Arrangements are now being made to acquire nearly, if not all these, for the British Government.

The 100 steam wooden drifters, for which orders have been placed by the Naval Service Department, to be built at plants between Montreal and Port Arthur, as mentioned in our last issue, will be 84 ft. long, and will have engines of about 250 h.p.

A Port Arthur press dispatch of Aug. 20 says: "Jas. Whalen, President of the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co., has returned from the east and announced contracts secured for work totalling more than

\$5,000,000. The capacity of the local plant is being doubled, and even at that work now in hand will keep it busy until well on into 1918.

## Mainly About Marine People.

John Eadie has been appointed General Manager, Wallace Shipyards, Ltd., North Vancouver, B.C.



L. A. W. Doherty  
General Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship  
Lines Limited



J. F. Pierce  
Assistant Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship  
Lines Limited

George J. Plunkett, Vice President, Plunkett Navigation Co., Cobourg, Ont., died there, Mar. 29, aged 69.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, was the guest of Admiral Sir John and

Lady Jellicoe, in London, Eng., towards the end of March.

H. S. Carmichael, Passenger and Freight Manager, Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd., London, Eng., arrived in Canada, April 13, on a business trip.

W. G. Ross, Chairman, Montreal Harbor Commissioners, attended an executive committee meeting of the American Association of Port Authorities, in New York, April 4.

Capt. Robert Aikin, heretofore master of the G.T.R. and Wabash Ry. car ferry Detroit, has been appointed Superintendent of Ferries, G.T.R.-Wabash Ry., vice Capt. W. F. McGregor, who has retired on a pension. Office, Windsor, Ont.

L. A. W. Doherty, who has been appointed General Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, was born at Toronto, April 10, 1878, and entered transportation service in July, 1896, since when he has been, to 1887, clerk to Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, C.P.R., Toronto; 1897 to 1906, chief clerk to General Freight Agent, C.P.R., Toronto; 1907 to 1908, chief clerk to Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, C.P.R., Toronto; 1908 to 1910, Assistant Manager, Inland Navigation Co., Hamilton, Ont.; 1911 to Feb. 27, 1913, Traffic Manager, Inland Lines, Ltd., Hamilton, Ont.; Feb. 27, 1913 to Jan. 1914, Freight Traffic Manager, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Toronto; Jan. 1914 to Apr. 23, 1917, Freight Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship Lines Ltd., Toronto.

Denis Murphy, President, Ottawa Transportation Co., who died in Ottawa, Mar. 12, left an estate valued at \$1,945,233.69. His widow receives the Ottawa residence and an income of \$20,000 a year for life. His son, Col. G. P. Murphy, and his daughter receive \$400,000 each, and a similar amount is divided among the three daughters of his deceased daughter, Mrs. G. R. Warwick, Toronto. C. E. Russell, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Ottawa Transportation Co., receives \$1,000. There are a number of legacies to other relatives, friends and servants. Among his principal holdings were: Ottawa Traction Co., 3,120 shares, \$249,600; Shawinigan Water and Power Co., 3,773 shares, \$452,760; C.P.R., 1,013 shares, \$156,002; Ottawa Transportation Co., 422 shares, \$33,760; Ottawa Car Mfg. Co., 168 shares, \$23,520.

John Franklin Pierce, who has been appointed Assistant Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, was born at Chatham, Ont., on Sept. 6, 1877, and entered transportation service, Oct. 14, 1896, since when he has been, to Oct. 1904, clerk, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Montreal; Oct. 1904 to Oct. 1910, chief clerk, same company, Montreal; 1910 to 1912, Travelling Passenger Agent, same company, Boston, Mass.; 1912 to 1913, District Passenger Agent, same company, Boston, Mass.; 1913 to Dec. 1, 1914, Assistant General Passenger Agent, and General Baggage Agent, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal; Dec. 1, 1914 to April 1916, General Passenger Agent and General Baggage Agent, same company, Montreal; April 1916 to April 23, 1917, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager, same company, Montreal.

Leonard Fisheries Ltd. has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with \$1,000,000 capital and office at Montreal, to carry on a general fishing and packing business, and in connection therewith to own and operate steam and other vessels, wharves, docks, etc.