

STRENGTH OF AIR FLEET HAS GROWN TEN-FOLD

British Navy Has Become An International Fleet

Now Serving Many Nations—Tonnage Increased by 1,000,000 and Much More Powerful Than When War Began, Balfour Says—Praises Churchill for Establishing Air Fleet.

LONDON, MAR. 7.—A. J. BALFOUR, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, STATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE TONNAGE OF THE BRITISH NAVY HAD BEEN INCREASED BY 1,000,000 SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR, WHILE THE STRENGTH OF THE AIR DIVISION OF THE NAVY HAD GROWN TEN FOLD.

MR. BALFOUR TOLD THE HOUSE THAT NEVER BEFORE IN GREAT BRITAIN'S HISTORY HAD THERE BEEN SO MUCH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION AS IN THE LAST NINETEEN MONTHS. HE ASSERTED THE FLEET WAS FAR STRONGER THAN AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR, EXCEPT IN REGARD TO ARMORED CRUISERS. MANY OF THE CRUISERS WHICH HAD BEEN LOST HAD NOT BEEN REPLACED.

Mr. Balfour emphasized the magnitude of the task Great Britain had taken upon herself since the operations in the Mediterranean began, in transporting, feeding and supplying the forces there. Moreover, the appearance of German submarines not only in home waters, but in the Mediterranean had added to the responsibilities already undertaken. He said about 1,000,000 combatants, 1,000,000 tons of stores and 2,500,000 gallons of oil for the British and their allies had been transported. This task in the presence of hostile submarines, had thrown an enormous amount of work upon the Admiralty which could not have been foreseen at the outbreak of the war. The dangers experienced were new dangers and he felt the nation could look with satisfaction at the manner in which the Admiralty had carried out its vast work.

Justice had not been done, Mr. Balfour continued, to the preparations made by the committee for imperial defense and the Admiralty for such a sudden emergency as arose in August, 1914. They had done all and more than they had professed to do and in a manner reflecting greatest praise on all concerned.

Churchill Justified.

Mr. Balfour said the work of the navy during the war had been splendid. He remarked incidentally that his predecessor, Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, was completely justified when, reviewing the circumstances at the outbreak of the war, he claimed that the fleet he had prepared was adequate for the great task of maintaining command of the seas.

After explaining that it was impossible to give details and that he could deal only in a general manner with the way in which the Admiralty is discharging its responsibilities, Mr. Balfour said the British fleet had become an international fleet, carrying on international work and serving many nations. There was no truth, he continued, in the suggestion that the present Admiralty board had halted the shipbuilding activities of its predecessors, whose policy, in a general way, was still being pursued.

The navy had expanded enormously since the outbreak of the war. Mr. Balfour said a fair measure of its growth was the fact that its personnel had more than doubled within that period and its tonnage, including auxiliary cruisers and ships under the white ensign, had increased by 1,000,000.

Warm praise was given by the speaker to Col. Churchill in connection with the establishment of the naval air service. The growth of this branch of the service, he asserted, was even more remarkable than the increase in ships, the aerial service having expanded ten fold during the war.

Mr. Balfour said the admiralty had procured a large and especially suitable tract of land for the purpose of training aerial pilots for the navy. This work was to be under command of Commodore Payne, who had rendered valuable service. He said the navy always had an aerial service of its own.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Geo. K. Ferguson, \$1; Jas. Wilson, \$1; Albert Wilson, \$1; T. J. Galbraith, \$1; W. J. J. \$1; Edmund Wilson, \$1; J. J. Galbraith, \$1; H. \$1; Mrs. D. McCavour, \$1; Mrs. R. Ferguson, \$1; H. J. Langlois, \$1; Friend, \$1; Friend, \$1; Mrs. Jas. McCavour, \$1; Mrs. McGuire, \$1; A. Spence, \$1; S. McGuire, \$1; Geo. H. Galbraith, \$1; Wilford McAllister, \$1; W. J. Cox, \$1; Robt. Baird, \$1; Robt. Evans, \$1; Thos. Wilson, \$1; S. Wynn, \$1; W. J. Wilson, \$1; Wallace Galbraith, \$1; Stephen Galbraith, \$1; Kenneth Cairns, \$1; H. E. Galbraith, \$1; Mrs. Wesley Evans, \$1; T. H. Galbraith, \$1; Andrew McAfee, \$1; Andrew McGowan, \$1; Alex. McAllister, \$1; W. J. McAllister, \$1; "Britannia," \$1.

Monthly—J. B. Day, \$4; Henry Shillington (two months), \$2; Jas. R. Arthur (two months), \$1; Geo. Kerr (two months), \$1; W. W. Bruce, \$1; H. T. Cameron, \$1; Albert Bowes, \$1; Collector of Customs and staff \$32 of this amount \$20 is to be handed over to the Red Cross Society; A. W. Sharpe (two months), \$20; Fred Hol- \$2; W. W. Hawker, \$2; H. H. H. \$1; E. H. Cairns (two months), \$2; R. S. Cowans, \$2; C. B. Allan, \$10; H. J. Dick, \$10; Geo. S. Blahop (two months), \$10.

TEACHING THE SAFETY FIRST DOCTRINE BY MEANS OF "MOVIES"

C.P.R. Secures copy of film and will have it shown at the divisional points.

Montreal, Q. Mar. 7.—A wonderfully realistic moving picture film, in the interests of the safety first movement was displayed in a specially fitted car at Windsor station before Vice-President Bury and a number of C. P. R. officials.

The film was produced by Mr. Marcus A. Dow, general safety agent, New York Central lines, and tells the story of a railroad man, Jack Foster, whose carelessness endangered the happiness of his wife and home until his friend, Jim Stevens, a booster for safety first, convinces him by demonstrating awful examples that it is worse to gamble for life than to gamble in any other way. One man loses his leg and other accidents are realistically portrayed in an exhibition at the safety rally to which Jim Stevens takes Jack Foster, such as the shopman who loses an eye through not wearing goggles, the carpenter losing a finger while working at a buzz saw without the guard, the brakeman being run over while running between moving cars, the engineer being killed while boarding the footboard of an engine in motion. Particularly impressive is the picture of a collision due to slowness in flagging.

In order to promote the safety first movement in Canada, Mr. Bury has secured a copy of the film which will be offered to moving picture houses at divisional and other important railroad points along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

ANOTHER WESTERN UNION CONCESSION

The Western Union Telegraph Company makes the following announcement: "Effective March 8th, a deferred cable rate money transfer service will be inaugurated between all points in the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain, covering only transfers not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in amount; this service to continue until the end of the war. The usual premium charge will apply with deferred cable rates. Transfer messages must bear the prefix LCO which shall be counted and charged for. The regular service continues but the sender may elect whether he desires that or the deferred rate service."

As a large percentage of money transfers are payable to soldiers abroad, this rate of nine cents per word will be greatly appreciated and taken advantage of by those who send remittances to our boys.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Dr. H. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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MAY TRY TO HAVE CODERRE SENT TO PRISON IN CANADA

Ex-Lt. Coderre, sentenced for murder, says truth will be told some day and he will be freed.

London, March 7.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Ex-Lieutenant Coderre was visited by his parents in Winchester jail after the governor had given him the news that his sentence of death for the murder of Sgt. Ozanne had been commuted to life imprisonment. While expressing satisfaction at the clemency extended, Coderre added that the truth would come to light some-day and he would then be liberated. His parents are disappointed that he must go to a penitentiary instead of an asylum for criminal lunatics. Efforts will probably be made to get him exchanged for an English prisoner in Canada, which is occasionally done.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MILLTOWN, ME. MAN

John W. Gayton trapped in burning house—Rescued, but dies of injuries.

St. Stephen, March 7.—Once more the community is shocked by a tragedy. John W. Gayton, of Milltown, Maine, who has been at work as cook in a lumber camp all winter returned home yesterday. He had spent much of the day in St. Stephen and had been drinking heavily. This morning the room that he occupied in his mother's house at divisional and other important railroad points along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Gayton was about thirty-five years of age and had many friends who sincerely deplore his unfortunate end.

CHATHAM'S ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 1916

Total of 33,470.57 of which \$10,550 is to be devoted to School purposes.

Newcastle, March 7.—Following have returned from an N. C. O. course in Chatham: Sgt.-Major Wm. Kitchen and Sgt. Walter MacDonald, Hubert Johnston, Herbert Baker, Fred Herbert, Grover Cleveland, Keary B. Galley and Thomas Sears. Sgt. Galley has gone to Montreal to take a special course in physical training. Earl MacDonald has been appointed Quarter-Master Sgt. of C company. Following is Newcastle's assessment for 1916:

Schools	\$10,550.00
Contingencies	2,800.00
Police and Street Lighting	2,500.00
Park and Fire	2,000.00
Sewerage	1,000.00
Interest	5,000.00
Sinking Fund	4,500.00
County tax	\$30,350.00
Total	\$33,470.57

The employees of Hon. John P. Bar-chills lumber camp have contributed \$25 to the Patriotic Fund. Previously acknowledged, \$9,730.20. Total to date, \$9,755.20.

Blair Robertson, of St. John, who died in Winnipeg Saturday, was once manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, where he married Miss Eva Fish, daughter of the late John Fish, postmaster of Newcastle. His wife and several children survive him.

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FOUR ENLIST AT WOODSTOCK LAST NIGHT

Fine recruiting rally expected to have good results—A ladies' committee appointed.

Woodstock, N. B., Mar. 7.—The recruiting meeting this evening in the Opera House was a grand success and resulted in the following signing the roll: Wm. Lambert, Woodstock; John Milbury, Moncton; Erwin Jones, Goudville, and Harry Grant, Houlton, Maine. Since the war began over 600 men were recruited in Woodstock. At the conclusion of the meeting a recruiting committee from the ladies was appointed. It is expected that many others will sign the roll tomorrow.

Colonel Beer said that 200 of his boys, members of the 140th Battalion, were already in the army here. T. C. L. Ketchum, recruiting officer for the county, was chairman, and in a brief speech introduced Colonel Beer, who spoke very feelingly. Colonel Guthrie made the closing speech. "Why I enlisted" was briefly responded to by Corporal Gallant and Private Green, the latter spending six years in the British army and six years in the United States army, having been born in the latter country.

Belgium, Then and Now. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith delivered her lecture on "Belgium," at the German street Baptist church last evening, with Rev. F. S. Porter presiding. There was a large and representative audience. The lecture was followed with intense interest and the beautiful pictures aroused much enthusiasm.

At the close of the lecture two Belgians in uniform (Canadian soldiers), sang their National Anthem in their own language. Mr. Theodore Estabrooks moved a hearty vote of thanks which was seconded by Magistrate Ritchie.

Members of the St. Paul's Boy Scout troop met last night at their headquarters and had an examination to pass their various tests. Several of the boys were successful, and it is expected that still further work will have favorable results.

CAPT. LEGER BANQUETTED AT DALHOUSIE

Fellow citizens show their appreciation of young officer who has won distinction on field of battle

Dalhousie, N. B., March 7.—Last evening at the Queen Hotel the leading citizens of Dalhousie gave a banquet in honor of Capt. J. A. Leger, of the 165th Battalion, and who has lately returned from the front. Captain Leger enlisted as a lieutenant from Dalhousie and received his promotion to the rank of captain shortly after he reached the firing line for distinguished bravery. He was the first French-Canadian officer to offer his services in the present war, and when the French-Canadian battalion was started was recalled to help in its formation. The banquet was a success in every way. Mayor W. S. Montgomery acted as toastmaster and proposed the toast to the King, which was responded to by all singing the National Anthem. Hon. C. H. LaBrosse proposed the toast to our guest, responded to by Captain Leger. E. Rene Richard proposed our friends in khaki, responded to by Captain Hattie, Halifax, and to their Douglas. The toast to the clergy was proposed by M. S. Brennan and responded to by Rev. Father Boucher. A. B. MacKinnon proposed the toast to the ladies, responded to by J. A. LeBlanc and Lieutenant McKay and Frenette. Our town and county, proposed by E. Rene Richard and responded to by Mayor W. S. Montgomery and A. J. LeBlanc and County Warden A. Murchie.

Word has been received that the Dalhousie branch train service will be restored on March 9th.

Boy Scouts' Exams. Members of the St. Paul's Boy Scout troop met last night at their headquarters and had an examination to pass their various tests. Several of the boys were successful, and it is expected that still further work will have favorable results.

New Records Created by The Sun Life of Canada

PROGRESSIVE business methods, backed by forty-five years of fair-dealing, have achieved for the Sun Life of Canada during 1915 records that are new in the Canadian life assurance field.

Assurances of over \$34,000,000 issued and paid for in cash; Total Assurances in Force of over \$250,000,000; Total Payments to Policyholders since organization of more than \$52,600,000; Assets in excess of \$74,000,000; a Cash Income of nearly \$16,000,000 and an Undistributed Net Surplus of over \$7,500,000—all are high-water marks in the annals of Canadian life assurance.

Their achievement maintains the established prestige of the Sun Life of Canada as **A Leader Among the Life Companies of the Empire**

The following substantial and uniform increases registered during the past year clearly demonstrate the strength of the Company's position:—

	1915	1914	INCREASE
Assets as at December 31st.	\$ 74,326,423	\$64,187,656	\$10,138,767 (15.8%)
Cash Income	15,972,672	15,052,275	\$920,397 (6.1%)
Surplus Distributed to Policyholders	985,487	861,768	\$123,719 (14.3%)
Net Surplus as at December 31st.	7,545,591	6,863,794	\$681,797 (10.5%)
Total Payments to Policyholders	7,128,479	6,191,287	\$937,192 (15.7%)
Total Assurances Issued and Paid for in Cash	34,873,851	32,167,339	\$2,706,512 (8.4%)
Assurances in Force	257,404,160	218,299,535	\$39,104,625 (17.9%)

The Company's Growth

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	LIFE ASSURANCE IN FORCE
1872	\$ 48,210.73	\$ 98,461.95	\$ 1,054,550.00
1885	319,987.05	1,411,004.83	7,830,878.77
1898	1,828,054.00	5,368,770.53	34,754,840.25
1905	5,717,492.23	21,309,384.82	95,290,894.71
1915	15,972,672.31	74,326,423.78	257,404,160.42

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QUALITIES BULGARS AND GREEK TROOPS CLASH AGAIN

Athens, March 4, via Paris, March 7.—Further friction has occurred between Greek and Bulgarian soldiers along the frontier. A Greek soldier inadvertently crossed the border and was made prisoner by the Bulgarians. A demand that he be returned to Greece not having been complied with, the three additional regiments of Greek troops were sent today to the district of Drama, 30 miles northeast of Seres.

JUDGE M'KEOWN SPEAKS BEFORE CANADIAN CLUB AT HALIFAX

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Mar. 7.—The Canadian Club had the pleasure of hearing an address tonight from Mr. Justice McKeown of St. John, whose subject was "Answering the Call." Archbishop Worrell presided and at the close of the address a cordial vote of thanks was passed on motion of Mr. Justice Ritchie and Rev. Dean Lowry. At noon Judge McKeown addressed the Weldon Law Club at its luncheon on "The basis of international law."

ELECTION DAY IN SYDNEY AND GLACE BAY

Sydney, N. S., March 7.—W. A. Richardson was re-elected mayor of Sydney today by a majority of 353, over his opponent, A. N. McLennan. The aldermen elected were: A. D. Steele in ward three; J. R. Martin, ward four; John Morrison, (re-elected) ward five. Aldermen E. Muzgah and A. McIntyre had been re-elected by acclamation in wards one and two. In Glace Bay Mayor Cameron was re-elected by a majority of 87, over Allan H. McDonald, barrister. The councillors elected: Mr. Angus A. Campbell, F. P. Simonsen, John M. McFutchie, A. P. O'Neill, Robert Wilson and Alex. D. McNeill, the two last named by acclamation.

MARRIED.

SECOND-MCCLUSKEY.—On March 2nd, in St. John the Baptist Church, by the Rev. F. J. McMurray, George Second to Mary E. McCluskey, both of this city.

DIED.

COLL.—In this city on the 6th inst., Augusta, widow of James Coll, and daughter of the late Owen Doherty, leaving two sons to mourn. Funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30, from her late residence, 178 Princess street. Friends invited.

Ordinary of Epileptic Fits

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the would not undertake to cure epilepsy, as no doctor could cure it. That night I went home very much discouraged, and when I took my dose of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I gave my boy a dose, and that was the first night in weeks that he slept well. I kept on giving him the Nerve Food three times a day and occasionally a Kidney-Liver Pill to keep the kidneys and bowels active. I can, with a clear conscience, say that he has not had even one fit since beginning this treatment. I give him no other medicine. He looks all well and feels well, and as there have been no returns of the old trouble for four months, I believe he has been cured. I can never cease to be grateful to the manufacturers of these medicines, for I am sure I would have lost my boy if it had not been for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

Mr. H. J. Mahaffy, druggist, Fort Colborne, Ont., writes: "This is to certify that I am acquainted with Mrs. Henrietta M. Neal, and believe that the statement she has made in regard to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is true and correct."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, all dealers, or E. G. Manson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.