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The Emperor Launched

Collingwood, Dec. 18.--Canada's marine received another splendid addition on Saturday afternoon, when the new steamer Emperor, built to the order of the Inland Lines, Limited, was launched at the yards of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co.

The launching occurred at 3 o'clock, and was witnessed by several thousand people, including railway and marine officials from Toronto, Montreal and other cities. The steamer was named by Mr. James S. Playfair, father of Mr. James Playfair, jun., President and manager of the Inland Lines.

The Emperor is the largest steel freighter ever built in a British colony. The steamer was 325 feet in length, 56 feet in breadth, and 36 feet deep, of the usual lake type of large freighters. It is constructed on the arch and web frame system, and has side ballast tanks and double bottom.

The pilot-house and captain and mate's quarters are at the forward end, and the boiler and engineers' rooms at the stern. The long sweep of deck between is clear of spars and superstructures, and has thirty hatches nine feet clear, with centres of twelve feet. This arrangement admits of the utmost rapidity in taking and discharging cargo. With an ore chute at each of the thirty hatches this large ship will load in between two and three hours, while it can be unloaded in from five or eight or nine hours. The motive power is situated astern, aft of one of the steel bulk-heads, and is thus in a watertight compartment of itself. It is compact, and takes up as little space as possible. This is arranged, first, as a matter of convenience, and, secondly, in order to secure the maximum of cargo space.

In the Emperor there are two Scotch boilers, fifteen feet six inches by twelve feet which will carry a working pressure of 180 pounds of steam. These will supply steam to triple expansion engines the dimensions of which are: Cylinders, 23 in., 38 1/2 in., The propeller will be 15 feet in diameter, with a pitch of 16 feet, and the speed of the steamer will be 16 knots per hour.

The carrying capacity of this immense vessel is 10,000 tons, or 350,000 bushels of wheat. In other words, this equates the carrying capacity of 350 modern railway cars, and it would take sixteen trains of twenty-two cars each to move one full load of the boat. A comparison with the schooners that less than twenty years ago often filled the harbor will show the great advance that has been made in our national marine. The schooners which formerly carried 12,000 to 20,000 bushels were believed to have reached the maximum for lake vessels.

At the luncheon previous to the launching, with Mr. Thomas Long, Vice-President of the Shipbuilding Company, presiding speeches were made by several gentlemen prominently identified with the marine and shipbuilding industry. Mr. Long reviewed the history of the Canadian industries, and urged for increased Governmental assistance. Mr. C. R. Sing, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works for Western

Ontario, referred to the improvement of the harbors and the aids to navigation which the Government had provided, while Capt. Alexander McDougall of Duluth President of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., spoke optimistically on the outlook for Canada and her industrial and commercial future.

The Canuck Racing Stable in Japan

The patrons of the Nippon Race Club are three Imperial Highnesses with unpronounceable but imposing names, and the President of the committee of this leading racing organization in Japan is Sir Claude Maxwell Macdonald, from which it may be fairly inferred that the sport of the turf in the Flowery Kingdom has the support of personages of no small importance. It has particular interests for Canadians from the fact that the most successful owner participating in the sport there is a Canadian, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, formerly of Toronto.

Mr. Fletcher raced for some time under the name of Mr. Canuck, and when the sport was largely carried on with China ponies trained and rode his own with much success. The pony Ontario was the champion for several seasons. Mr. Fletcher was patriotic in the assumption of his nom de course, and also in the naming of his horses. At the four days' meeting at Yokohama last month he won the Emperor's Cup, and Mayor of Yokohama's Cup and the Australian-bred championship with his mare, Woodbine. His other mare, Euc Bonnets, was second to Woodbine in the Emperor's Cup, and was also a winner on the last day. These horses bear the names of two of Canada's noted racers. They were bred in Australia, from which country came the best horses in Japan, and it says much for Mr. Fletcher's practical horsemanship that he bought Woodbine, then called Flip Flap, from Sir Claude Macdonald when her racing days were believed to be over, and made a champion of her.

Municipal Ice Rink

(From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat)
Though Dubuque is on the Mississippi river and has one of the finest harbors between New Orleans and St. Paul, there has been little or no ice skating in recent years. Several times attempts to conduct a private rink have failed, principally owing to high prices of admission. Ald. O'Rourke plans to utilize the whole of the harbor, which is 1400 feet long and 500 feet wide. The harbor now is frozen over and as soon as it is deemed advisable this surface will be doctored from the city's water system, thus giving it a surface as smooth as glass. Along the shores it is proposed to build shelters where skaters may be adjusted, where skaters may rest and get warm and where they may have their wraps checked. Policemen will be present at all times, and representatives of the women's clubs of the city will be assigned to regular duty as chaperons.

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And see from out the London dusk
The radiant glimmer of the lights.

The ancient Abbey's dark fancies,
The watchful lions in the Square,
In dreams I wander up and down,
Almost believing I am there.

The ashes fall--I wake again,
An exile with an aching soul,
For lo! across the parting gulf
Three thousand miles of ocean roll.

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WILSONS PEACH

Herbert Bailey of Westport, N. S. is a guest of Mrs. Stephen Mitchell.

The schools are closed for the Xmas vacation. The teachers and scholars are enjoying their well earned vacation.

Miss Fowler, teacher at Wilson's Beach is leaving here and has been employed in Bristol, Car. Co. to take charge of the advanced dept. Miss Taylor of Milltown is to take Miss Fowler's place here.

Robert Henderson and Charles Brown who are employed at Boothbay, Me. spent Xmas day with friends in this place.

Miss Ella Galley of St. John enjoyed the Xmas holidays with her father, Wm. Gilley at Head Harbor.

Misses Maria Seales, Cassie, Annie and Edna Malloch who are employed in Lubec were week-end guests of their parents here.

Miss Gladys McGowan is spending her vacation at her home in Welchpool.

The death occurred on Friday night of Henry Gilligan at his home at Bunker Hill at the age of 52 years. His death was caused by cancer of the stomach. He leaves an aged mother and a sister Mrs. Alvin Shepherd of Seal Cove, G. M. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and the remains were taken to Welchpool for interment. Services were conducted by Rev. Hazen Rigby, rector of the St. Anne's church at Welchpool.

Charles Flagg spent Xmas with his family here.

Miss Lillian Lord, teacher in Head Harbor dist. is enjoying her vacation with her mother at Lord's Cove, Deer Island.

The children's mission band held their concert in Jackson's hall on Xmas eve. A large number were in attendance although a very stormy night. Much credit is due Miss Fowler and Mrs. Harold Matthews who were the leaders, also Misses Annie Seales and Julia Newman who had charge of the musical part of the programme. The concert was a decided success in every way.

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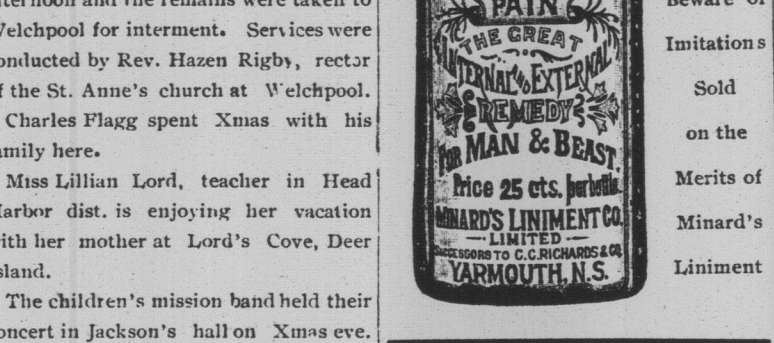
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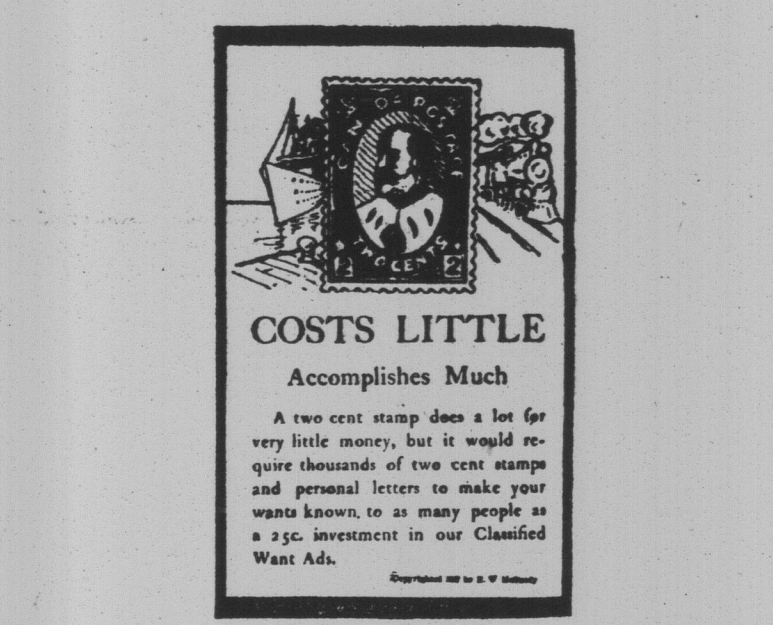
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