

Calls on Government For Backing For Merchant Marine

Shipbuilding Authority Says This is Essential
at This Stage of Industry; Canada Needs
World Markets

(Written for The Financial Post by a prominent Canadian authority on shipbuilding and water transportation.)

There was never yet a country that amounted to anything in the world that did not develop its own merchant marine.

If Canada is to secure an uninterrupted passage-overs for her agricultural and manufactured products after the war, and so develop her export market that the balance of trade that has registered in our favor through the enormous volume of war business may continue so, she must be independent of the shipping of outside countries, and the only possible method of working up to this position is by the establishment of her own merchant marine.

Canada today has virtually no merchant marine. It is true there is a fair tonnage registered in Canada, but the most is owned and controlled outside of Canada.

It is true, too, that in the past year, through the Imperial Munitions Board's direction, steel and wooden boats have been laid down in Canadian shipyards in large numbers, with a capacity exceeding 400,000 tons d. w., and many of them launched, and some have carried cargoes to England, to Japan, to Australia, but these are not Canadian-owned boats; after the war—when during it—they will be drafted all over the world.

Problems of the Future.

When the war ends, and transportation of food and munitions from Canada ceases to be so vital a necessity as now that it is controlled and speeded up by an allied organization, where will Canada secure its transport facilities? Great Britain will be forced to exert every effort to hold her trade against renewed competition in all parts of the world; in South America, South Africa, Australia, and the far East. All the more restricted will be Canada's allotted supply if the submarine destruction continues for another year or two. Canada, moreover, must be assured of tonnage for her manufactured goods as well as her "raw" products.

Up to the Government.

The duty before Canada is clear and pressing, and must be acted upon at once, and by the Dominion government. For a merchant marine for Canada can be established successfully only as a national undertaking. There are serious drawbacks that must be removed. The basic one is the lack of rolling mills in Canada for plates and angles. How serious a handicap this is will be realized when the United States government obtains its plates for 2.9 cents and in Canada we have to pay anywhere up to eight cents a pound.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Company once tried to erect a plate mill at Sydney.

A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

If Peevish, Feverish and Sick,
Give "California Syrup
of Figs."

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign of little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once. When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "Fruit Laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow. Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Like Being Hit By Rattle Snake

Says that every time you cut
or pick at a corn you
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"Pape's Diapiesin" Ends All Stomach Distress in Five Minutes

You don't want a slow remedy when your stomach is bad—or an uncertain one—or a harmful one—your stomach is too valuable; you must figure it out with drastic drugs.

Pape's Diapiesin is noted for its speed in giving relief; its harmlessness; its certain infallible action in regulating sick, sour, gassy stomachs. Its millions of cures in indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis and other stomach trouble have made it famous the world over.

Keep this perfect stomach doctor in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any drug store and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them; if what he eats lays like lead, ferments and causes indigestion and nausea; if anything is eaten which is indigestible, Pape's Diapiesin comes in contact with the stomach and such distress vanishes. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming the worst stomach distress is a revelation to those who try it.

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When the owners of the Chicago Cubs saw the White Sox getting all the glory and the spoils last season, they decided that it was about time for the Cubs to come back into favor with Chicago fans again, just as they were in the balmy days when Frank Chance was winning world's series. The result was that Weegman turned in every direction, offering all sorts of money for star ball players. Up to the present time he has rounded up Alexander, Tyler, Kilgiff, and Paskert and has stated that he will not even let \$100,000 stand in the way of his getting Roger Hornsby of St. Louis.

The result of Weegman's activity is that every star ball player in the National League has become restless and is anxiously awaiting a call from the Cubs. Several prominent players, who are due for a cut in salary this season, are dissatisfied and they believe that they hold out long enough their owners will put them on the market. This decurment of dissatisfaction is growing constantly and some of the players believe that all they will have to do to be shifted to another club and get more money is to make themselves disagreeable and work for their release or trade.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF GERMAN STREET CHURCH

The finances of German Street Baptist church were found to be in an excellent condition at last night's annual meeting. The election of next year's officers was as follows:

Church clerk—S. E. Fisher.
Church account—J. C. Fisher.
Treasurer—W. C. Cross.
Few stewards—W. F. Nobles and H. H. Bissett.
Church stewards—C. W. Brown and H. H. Davis.

Trustees for three years—E. B. Jones, S. McDermid and C. W. Brown.
Finance committee—E. L. Rising, D. Hunt, R. N. Dean, J. W. Vanwart, J. H. Marr, F. C. Fisher, S. H. Davis, Dr. P. L. Bagnell, Harry Magnusson, W. C. Cross, T. H. Belyea, W. C. Brown, W. F. Nobles, W. K. Haley, H. W. Rising, Kenneth Dutton, Gerald Parker, F. A. Dykeman, E. B. Jones, S. E. Fisher, H. C. Mott, L. W. Simms, W. Gunter, W. A. Roberts.

Ushers—W. F. Nobles, chairman; J. H. Marr, W. E. Roop, G. N. Hatfield, Burpee Fowler, Frank Lewis, J. W. Vanwart, E. J. Alexander, J. H. Wason, H. W. Rising, R. W. Wigmore, H. B. Spears, Harry Gault, H. G. Mary, J. W. Lewis, J. H. Macburn, W. K. Haley, W. P. Bonnell, W. C. Brown, F. A. Dykeman, H. H. Bissett.

Choir committee—Mrs. F. E. Holman, Mrs. D. Hunt, Mrs. H. G. Marr, Mrs. W. C. Cross, Mrs. P. L. Vaughan.
Membership committee—Pastor and deacons.

Baptismal committee—Deacons Wason, Hunt and Davis, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. D. Dearness and Mrs. A. E. Vaughan.
Auditors—W. K. Haley and H. W. Rising.

P. S. Fisher, church clerk, reported 376 members, an increase of thirty. The Sunday school secretary, T. H. Belyea, announced 440 members, an increase of thirty. The sum of \$278.93 was raised for school purposes and \$100.88 for missions. At Christmas the sum of \$40 was raised for charity and groceries to the value of \$60 distributed.

The women's association reported making 555 garments for the Red Cross. The women's missionary aid society reported 1,000 packages of supplies.

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ported raising for missions \$481.50 and are supporting nine children in mission schools in India.

The Philathea class showed a membership of sixty. The money raised during the year was \$80.25 and \$145 was sent overseas to provide comforts for soldiers.

The Willing Workers reported that fifty-five Christmas boxes were sent overseas. They sent to the Halifax sufferers \$20 in cash and 153 children's garments.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts of the church \$7,640.72, and expenditures \$9,408. The weekly offering amounted to \$3,740.69, and the collections \$1,119.40.

The extension fund committee reported \$4,968.98 received and that \$4,000 had been paid on the mortgage, which has been cut from \$40,000 to \$19,000.

The report of the church accountant stated that the allotment of the denominational fund to the church of \$1,850 was fully raised during the year. The Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$384.51, and was devoted to the fuel fund.

AT BOYS' CLUB.
One of the best programmes this season at the Boys' Club was given last evening. Mrs. W. C. Good, secretary, occupied the chair, and began the evening with a brief address announcing that a sum of money had been donated by Joseph Finley to be given in prizes at the close of the year for general efficiency. H. S. Culver, American consul, following with a short talk on the development of the child mind. There was a boys' chorus in which the seventy-five or eighty boys present took part. The most interesting part of the programme was furnished by Miss Dunham of Ohio, who is spending the winter in

the city with Mr. and Mrs. Culver. She told stories, gave reading and sang and pleased the children immensely. Percy Reid and Frank Hill played a duet on the mandolin and guitar. The boys played again and for an encore furnished dancing music for John Berry. John Richey was requested to draw up a letter of sympathy and send it to Charles Lenihan, a member who was recently injured. The boys moved and seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dunn, following which the meeting adjourned with the singing of God Save the King.

ALL HALIFAX VOTE
IN ONE BUILDING
Order Makes Single Polling District in Wrecked Area

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The devastated area of Halifax, formerly divided into ten polling subdivisions, has been organized as one polling district for the election to be held there on Jan. 28. An order-in-council making this provision has been passed. The order-in-council also provides that the polling in this area may all be held in one building. The King Edward Hotel has been chosen for the purpose.

The electoral lists of the ten subdivisions have also been incorporated in one list. The returning officer will himself make up this list and certify it. A further order-in-council provides that in case of a deadlock between scrutineers as to military ballots, the question if it arises shall be submitted to the clerk of the crown in chancery; if overruled, by the assistant clerk of the crown in chancery.

What Will It Do For Me?

YOU have heard of the great good this food cure is accomplishing for others. You have come to realize that nervous diseases do not right themselves, and therefore feel the necessity of some treatment to help you back to health and strength.

Now comes the all-important question as to what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will do for you.

Based on answer on a knowledge of the restorative value of the ingredients contained in this food cure, and on the experience of those who have proven its curative powers under the most trying conditions, we want to tell you that—

It will make your blood rich and red.

It will nourish the starved nerve cells back to health and vigor.



Mrs. C. French, 104 Lansdowne street, Peterborough, Ont., writes: "I was troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness, frequent headaches and indigestion. For many years I was troubled with a twitching or rigidity feeling about my limbs after resting, causing me much loss of sleep. If I wakened out of my first sleep, even had been asleep only five minutes, I would lie awake for hours and could not get to sleep again. Any sudden noise or a door slamming, would set my nerves going, and I would fear that something dreadful was going to happen. I had tried different remedies for this trouble, but without success. A friend asked me one day if I didn't try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, so I thought I could at least give it a trial. I secured some and commenced using them, and found they benefited me so much that I have taken fully a dozen boxes. My nervousness, or rigidity feeling in the limbs is entirely cured. I can now rest and sleep well. I recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food strongly, and would advise anyone suffering from nervous trouble of any kind to use them according to directions."

It will cure nervous headaches by removing the cause.

It will strengthen the action of the heart.

It will correct the weakness and inactivity of the digestive organs.

It will restore energy, ambition and confidence.

It will prevent the development of nervous prostration, paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

Why not put Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to the test? We know that the formula is right. We have proven to you by thousands of reports from cured ones that this treatment positively effects cure, even in the most complicated cases.

We cannot do more. It remains for you to make the test. You have everything to gain by using this building-up treatment, for it cannot fail to be of at least some benefit to you.

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