

to engage in the coasting trade of Canada will be subject to a duty of 25% on the fair market value of the vessel, whether having a British registry or not. Under the law hitherto in operation a vessel could be purchased in the U.S. and by calling at St. John's, Nfld., could obtain a British registration, and be free to engage in the coasting trade in Canada.

The Dominion Government has approved of new regulations for the examination of masters and mates of steam ferry boats, which are now in force, and replace those of May 8, 1894. A man must be 19 years of age, and have been 2 years afloat, and must pass an examination in seamanship before he can obtain a mate's certificate, and must be 21 years

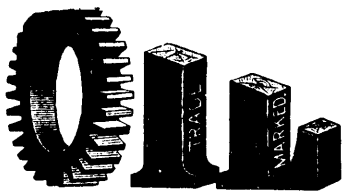
of age and 3 years afloat, one year as mate, and pass an examination in navigation and seamanship before he can obtain a master's certificate.

The report showing the progress made during the year ended June 30, 1901, in the survey of the tides and currents in Canadian waters, was presented at the recent session of the Dominion Parliament. Tidal observations were taken at Vancouver, B.C., and observations of the current at the First Narrows, forming the entrance to that harbor; additional tide observations were taken in Northumberland strait, N.B., and in Cabot strait, N.S.; and extended levels were taken in Sept. at the head of Cumberland basin, on

the Bay of Fundy. The results of these observations have been tabulated in the office and published.

The ship subsidy bill which has been passed by the U.S. Senate provides for the payment of certain subsidies to ocean-going vessels registered and built in the U.S. and trading exclusively to foreign ports, for five years, and an additional subsidy for vessels exceeding 1,000 tons register, built after the passing of the act. It is also provided that the subsidy shall not be paid to any foreign built vessel, and that no foreign built vessel purchased by U.S. citizens or companies shall be registered at U.S. ports. The bill is still before the House of Representatives.

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The Government Crop Bulletin issued Dec. 12th, 1901, gives the following statistics for the year:

| CROPS.              |                |                 |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ACRES.              | AVERAGE YIELD. | TOTAL.          |
| Wheat.....2,011,835 | 25.1 bus.      | 50,502,085 bus. |
| Oats.....689,951    | 40.3 "         | 27,796,588 "    |
| Barley.....191,009  | 34.2 "         | 6,536,155 "     |
| Potatoes...24,429   | 196 "          | 4,797,433 "     |

### STOCK.

Number of stock in the Province, July 1, 1901:  
Horses.....142,080 Sheep.....22,060  
Cattle.....263,168 Pigs.....94,680  
Value of Dairy Products.....\$926,314

### 18,375 FARM LABORERS

Came from Eastern Canada to assist in the harvest fields of Manitoba in 1899—and the demand was not fully satisfied.

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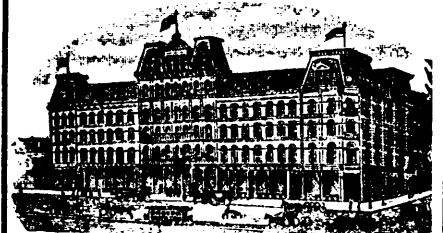
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