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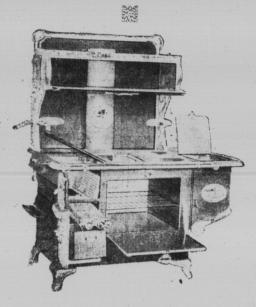
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Shipbuilding is again becoming a Canadian industry. There are indications of a revival in Canada which will do much to solve the after-the-war industrial problems. Already shipbuilding yards in the Maritime Provinces have fallen in line with the general shipbuilding boom which is prevalent all over the country.

At the present time there are approximately thirty-five steel steamers under construction in Canada, with a value of probably \$20,000,000, while at the same time there are from twenty-five to thirty-five wooden steamers under construction with a value operation \$2,000,000. value exceeding \$2,000,000. Every shipbuilding yard in Canada is busy, so busy

that already it is difficult to secure carpenters for the work.

Large numbers of wooden sailing vessels are also under construction in Canada, with various tonnages up to 1,200. Several of these are being built in the Maritime Provinces including the yards at Shelburne, and two big six-masted schooners have recently been launched in Vancouver.

Figures recently given out by Hon. Mr. Hazen at Ottawa, show that there are six steel steamers being constructed in Montreal with tonnages of 7,000 tons each and another of 5,000 tons; four wooden steamers are under construction at Isle D'Orleans with tonnages of 1,500 to 2,000; three steel steamers of 3,000 tons each at New Glasgow; one wooden steamer of 320 tons at Shelburne; one wooden steamer of 325 tons at Sheet Harbor; one steel steamer of 7,988 tons, as well as four oil tankers at Collingwood; two steel steamers of 4,400 tons each, six steel steamers of 3,500 tons each and two steel steamers of 5,000 tons each at Toronto; five steel steamers of 3,400 tons each at Port Arthur; five steel steamers of 8,800 tons each and two of 4,600 tons each on the Pacific coast.

It has been conservatively estimated that the shipbuilding programme now going on in Canada will mean expenditures of over \$150,000,000 for vessels and equipment, this covering nearly thirty-five steel steamers as well as a large number of wooden steamers and wooden sailing vessels. It will represent the biggest shipbuilding programme ever carried out in the Dominion of Canada at one time.

It has been predicted that the shipbuilding industries of Canada will give employment from now on to all the way from 10,000 to 50,000 men annually, with a pay-roll which is likely to reach \$50,000,000 by 1920. This will give an impetus to the lumber and steel industries as well as to the various foundries, machine shops, etc., manufacturing machinery and equipment.

Shipbuilding is a profitable industry under present conditions and not a department of industry which really needs encouragement in government grants. For the last two years every ship made in Canada or the United States has been sold at a handsome profit before it was completed and this condition is likely to continue for several years to come. The German submarine campaign has at least had the one advantage of giving an impetus to the shipbuilding industries of the world.

The United States is also going through a shipbuilding boom. Thousands of small wooden steamers and sailing vessels will be built in the United States this year in addition to the large number of steel steamers for the European service, the latter under the supervision of General Goethals of Panama Canal fame.

In the Maritime Provinces the chief work is in New Glasgow, where three steel steamers are being built; Shelburne, where one wooden steamer and several sailing vessels are under construction; Sheet Harbor, where one wooden steamer is being built and several other yards including Yarmouth, where shipyards are being placed in readiness for the laying of keels. A very large number of wooden vessels, most of them of tonnage less than 1,500 tons are being constructed in the Maritime Provinces but the most of these will be sailing vessels.

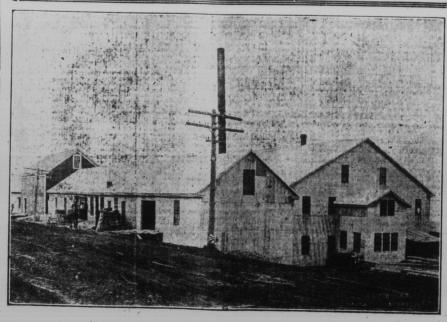
Many of the new sailing vessels will be put into the fishing trade of the Maritime Provinces and also into the coal carrying business, there having been a noticeable scarcity of boats for the coal trade in recent months. A handsome new steamer is also being built in Nova Scotia for Hugh Cann & Sons of Yarmouth, to replace the John L. Cann, on the service between St. John, Westport and Yarmouth. This new steamer will have a freight capacity about treble that of the boat now performing

It is said that all the Canadian shipbuilding yards are already experiencing difficulty in getting ship carpenters and many of the yards are taking on novices and giving them fairly good wages while teaching them the trade. The labor condition will be made harder because of the large number of boats to be built in the United States, but it is reported in the United States press that a large number of expert ship carpenters and other ship workers will be brought from Europe.

The industrial situation of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as well as of all

Canada is likely to be brightened for several years to come on account of the revival in shipbuilding, a revival which will continue for many years. Not since the early eighties have there been as many ships under construction in Canada as there are at the present time and because these activities are divided equally among the Maritime Provinces, the Upper Provinces and British Columbia, the general prosperity resulting therefrom will be reflected in the trade conditions of every part of Canada. British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces are doing steel shipbuilding on

a large scale for the first time in the history of these provinces. There has always



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