

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s Canada-West Indian Service.

Jno. Alsop, General Agent, R.M.S.P. Co., Halifax, N.S., is credited, in a press dispatch as having stated there recently that the company is losing \$15,000 to \$20,000 a trip on its Canada-West Indies service, and that if an increase in freight rates, for which it has applied to the Dominion Government, is not granted, it will have to discontinue the service. He attributes the loss to increased cost of operation, especially bunkering, and to a heavy slump in north bound freights from the West Indies.

The R.M.S.P. Co. operates the following steamships between Halifax and the West Indies, viz., Caraque, Chaleur, Chaudiere, and Chignecto, for which it receives a subsidy from the Dominion Government, the estimates for the year ending Mar. 31, 1921, having the following item, among mail subsidies and steamship subventions: "Canada and West Indies, or South America, or both, \$340,666." Under the subsidy agreement, the freight rates are subject to the Dominion Government's approval, and the R.M.S.P. Co. has applied for authority to advance them.

In this connection Sir Geo. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is reported to have said at Ottawa on Oct. 21: "In consequence of the fact that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine has placed ships on the different routes connecting with the West Indies, which to some extent interferes with the freight carryings of the R.M.S.P. Co., especially on the northbound passage during the slackness of the sugar season, and the fact that the freight rates of this company have been controlled by the Government, and the company has not been free, therefore, to take advantage of the

greatly increased rates during the war and since, and also owing to the great increase in the price of coal, as well as ship commodities, the company has made application for an increase in freight rates, which is being considered by the Trade and Commerce Department, as also by the St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., Boards of Trade."

Newfoundland Steamship Services.

Canadian Trade Commissioner W. B. Nicholson writes from St. John's, Nfld., as follows:—"Transportation was retarded during the year ended June 30 by the shortage of sea tonnage and the run down condition of the railway system, which had been overworked and under-repaired during the period of the war. The volume of freight carried by the Reid Newfoundland Co.'s railway and steamships far exceeded that of previous years.

"The steamship service with the outside world showed some improvement during the year. The Furness-Withy Co. resumed sailings between Liverpool, Halifax and St. John's, and return, and an excellent passenger and freight steamship has been put on the New York, Halifax and St. John's route by the Red Cross Line, while the Canadian Government Merchant Marine has established an efficient line of freight steamships on the Montreal-St. John's, Nfld., route, which calls at Gulf ports for freight offering, and the steamship Sable I., Farquhar & Co., performs a weekly passenger and freight service between North Sydney and St. John's. The Nova Scotia Steamship Co. has two steamships running between Boston, Halifax and St. John's. It is the intention of the latter company to put two passenger and freight steamships on this route next

season, accommodating about 200 passengers, and a steamship from Halifax to develop Canadian trade in flour and other Canadian manufactures on the west coast of Newfoundland. A. E. Hickman Co., St. John's, are agents for the Nova Scotia Steamship Co."

Removal of Shipping Offices from the U.S. to Canada.

London, Eng., Oct. 12.—Canada promises to benefit from some proposed discriminatory United States legislation, such as the Jones Shipping Act, and the reported taxation of the total profits of foreign companies with branches in the U.S. A director of George Wills & Sons, merchant shippers and London agents for the Holt Line, which is now putting on a new steamship service to the Far East in co-operation with the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, states that his company is considering transferring its office from New York to Montreal. This action is being taken partly because of the high costs in the U.S. ports and partly because of the discriminatory legislation referred to, although the director did not think that the latter would prove of any great benefit to the U.S. mercantile marine, which, in his opinion, is doomed to failure.—Copyright cable to Montreal Gazette.

The s.s. War Fundy, one of the war series of wooden steamships built in Canada for the British Government under orders from the Imperial Munitions Board, is reported to have been wrecked at Grundkellesgrund, in the Gulf of Bosnia, off the Adriatic, and to have become a total loss. She was built by Grant & Horne, St. John, N.B., had approximately 3,080 d.w. tons capacity, and was launched Aug. 24, 1918.

Ships Registered in Canada During July, 1920.

In compiling the following lists of vessels registered, steamboats and motor boats, operated by engines of less than 10 n.h.p., are eliminated, as also are sailing ships of less than 100 tons register.

STEAM.

No.	Name	Port of Registry	Where and when built	Length	Breadth	Depth	Gross Tons	Reg. Tons	Engines, Etc.	N.h.p.	Owners or managing owners
138467	A. J. Lowe.....	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	Killarney, Ont.	1920	64.5	15.0	7.0	20	14	11 Sc.	A. J. Lowe, Killarney, Ont.
138456	Argenteuil.....	Sorel, Que.	Sorel, Que.	1916	94.0	21.0	7.0	165	83	16 Sc.	Minister of Marine, Ottawa, Ont.
141769	Canadian Hunter.....	Montreal . .	Lauzon, Que.	1920	331.0	47.7	23.2	3610	2169	231 Sc.	Minister of Marine, Ottawa, Ont.
141768	Charlemagne.....	"	Charlemagne, Que.	1920	94.3	21.6	6.9	141	26	38 Sc.	St. Maurice Paper Co., Montreal.
150231	Cicora.....	Midland, Ont.	West Superior, Wis.	1903	241.0	41.0	16.3	1676	999	86 Sc.	Great Lakes Transportation Co., Midland, Ont.
138458	Coal Barge no. 6.....	Sorel, Que.	Sorel, Que. .	1915	160.5	32.0	11.4	595	350	72 Sc.	Minister of Marine, Ottawa, Ont.
138457	Detector.....	"	"	1915	140.0	35.0	13.1	584	281	32½ Sc.	Steamship Julius Kessler Corporation, Montreal.
141837	Julius Kessler.....	Montreal . .	Duluth, Minn.	1920	251	43.7	22.2	2546	1472	140 Sc.	T. M. Kirkwood, Montreal.
141459	Laura A. I.....	Halifax, N.S.	Sorel, Que.	1917	84.0	19.2	10.0	113	14	24 Sc.	Minister of Marine, Ottawa, Ont.
138459	Lavaltrie.....	Sorel, Que.	"	1912	84.5	21.7	10.8	195	84	40 Sc.	Minister of Marine, Ottawa, Ont.
141742	Leon L. (1).....	Quebec . .	"	1920	188.8	36.2	15.1	866	646	15 Sc.	Transportation & Shipping Co., Quebec.
141836	Monalo.....	Montreal . .	Cleveland, Ohio	1890	249.7	42.0	21.3	2404	1333	191 Sc.	Montreal Transportation Co., Montreal.
141458	Mary Francis Whalen.....	Halifax, N.S.	Lauzon, Que.	1920							
138274	Opeco (1).....	St. Catharines, Ont.	Milwaukee, Wis. .	1917	84.0	19.2	10.0	113	14	24 Sc.	T. M. Kirkwood, Montreal
141575	Rozana Burton (1).....	Weymouth, N.S.	Grosses Coques, N.S.	1920	120.0	27.7	10.0	202	130	49½ Sc.	Ontario Transportation & Pulp Co., Thorold, Ont.
141767	Sapin (2).....	Montreal . .	Noank, Conn.	1901	68.3	15.1	4.9	42	15	13½ Sc.	J. Burton, North Sydney, N.S.
117528	Stella Maris.....	Windsor, N.S.	London, Eng.	1882	124.5	23.6	12.2	229	54	70 Sc.	Port Aux Quilles Lumber Co., Montreal.
											Farquhar & Co., Halifax, N.S.

(1) Motor ships. (2) Formerly, Vega.

SAILING.

No.	Name	Port of Registry	Rig	Where and when built	Length	Breadth	Depth	Gross Tons	Tons Reg.	Owner or Managing Owner.	
141625	B. R. Tower.....	Parrsboro, N.S.	Schr.....	Diligent River, N.S.	1920	140.0	33.0	10.9	379	343	J. N. Pugsley, Parrsboro, N.S.
141642	General Trenchard.....	Liverpool, N.S.	"	Allendale, N.S.	1920	106.5	26.2	10.4	184	149	G. C. Harris, Grand Bank, Nfld.
141821	M. W. W. No. 3.....	Vancouver, B.C.	Scow.....	Victoria, B.C.	1911	90.0	30.0	7.6	173	173	McNeill, Walsh & Wilson, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.
141787	M. W. W. VIII.....	New Westminster	Scow.....	New Westminster, B.C.	1920	91.3	30.0	7.3	171	171	J. Crane, New Westminster, B.C.
141693	Mary L. Oxner.....	Lunenburg, N.S.	Schr.....	Chester Basin, N.S.	1920	120.0	28.0	11.0	218	169	W. Duff, M.O., Lunenburg, N.S.
141626	Whitebells.....	Parrsboro, N.S.	"	Parrsboro, N.S.	1920	172.0	27.4	13.0	615	572	C. T. White & Son, Sussex, N.B.