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### The Canadian Merchantman

H. H. Blanchet of Toronto Urging Matters of Shipbuilding.

H. H. Blanchet, of Toronto, who is staying at the Dufferin, is deeply interested in the regulation and upbuilding of Canada's merchant marine, and is urging the government to take the matter up seriously.

"I find in the maritime provinces," said Mr. Blanchet, "that what merchant marine we have has a great grievance, which they are asking the Dominion government to investigate through the medium of a Royal Commission. This is that the coal companies will not allow wooden vessels to load at their docks in turn with steel vessels, but allow the steel vessels to have right of way over them. This condition of affairs is directly affecting the coal consumers of Prince Edward Island, and it is making the coal cost the consumers on the island two or three dollars a ton more. When the members of parliament drew the government's attention to this last session the only answer was that they thought that was a question for the coal companies to settle and not the government. I can't see it in this light, as it is going to put the only merchant marine we have left out of business."

**Head of Liberties.**  
"Also the lumber industry is controlled by Norwegian ships, and it is a strange thing to my mind that they are allowed such liberties. I will go further and say that the government orders-in-council seem to give them right of way over our merchant marine. In fact, within the last few weeks one of our Canadian ships flying the British flag, when only half loaded was ordered to leave port. The names of the captain and ship can be furnished to our Dominion government any time. If Canada is going to allow foreign nations to come in here and give them preference over what little shipping we possess, you can see that the country is going to the dogs, which is a favorite saying of some of our leading men in Canada. This may not affect Ottawa, but it affects a great many sea captains and poor people living in the maritime provinces, so it is about time that the people of Ottawa knew how the government is taking care of the one-time famous industry in the maritime provinces."

**Means of Success.**  
Mr. Blanchet further states: "Canada cannot be successful builders of Empire until we build our own steel ships. We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on canals and in the opening of the St. Lawrence route, also in transcontinental railways, but for what? To bring what we produce on land to the sea board and when we get our grain there we are perfectly helpless as we have no ships. It seems to me that the only way would be for the government to build the ships themselves or to get British firms to establish yards in Canada and pay them the difference in the price of these ships that they make in Great Britain."

"I have got in touch with the Dominion government and they tell me they cannot do anything at the present time, owing to the fact that all the money is being used in connection with the war. No country has any better government than it deserves."

### This Is Not in Armenia

(To Editor of "Patriot," Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

Sir,—As a coasting schooner captain and owner, I am more than thankful for what you are doing for us coasters. After reading your paper of the 12th July, shown me by Mr. Baillie, we began to feel that we are not the outcasts we have been taken for and treated at coal ports, when the Great Joseph Howe thought worthy to make such fine poetry about us. My brother and I had another vessel last year. We spent \$100.00 in repairs on her in the winter; then we had to put her on the slip, or marine railway which cost us another \$100.00. We were delayed last year waiting at a coal pier 4 weeks one trip, taking 5 weeks on the round trip that should take that many days. No one can make a business pay with such treatment. People want the coal, and we can carry it. But we have to stand back until anything else is loaded by the schooners. The people waiting for coal are caused a lot of suffering. I was told that in one place in this Island last year a woman had to tear down the left in her own home to burn the boards to cook their meals on account of the vessels being kept waiting. I am glad the Royal Commission is to be appointed. It will find out what great suffering has been caused in our own Island province and the Magdalen Islands, of this kind. Thanking you.

(Capt.) L. M. PEARDON,  
Schooner A. L. Young,  
Montague, P.E.I.

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**BADGES FOR REJECTED VOLUNTEERS** will be issued on application to the Officer Commanding Depot at Headquarters, St. John's, subject to the undernoted conditions as approved by the Governor in Council and published in the Royal Gazette of September 26th, 1916.

In the case of Volunteers living outside of St. John's, who have been examined and rejected by the Medical Examiner in their district, a certificate from the Medical Examiner showing cause of rejection should accompany applications.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Badge to be of bronze with Crown, suitable inscription and a number (consecutive).
2. A register to be kept giving the number of Badge, to whom issued, and date.
3. Badges to be issued at Headquarters by the Regimental Authorities, only to men of military age, and not to any man obviously unfit.
4. Badges to be issued only to men who have enlisted and have undergone the regular medical examination.
5. Men rejected prior to the publication of the regulations who apply for Badges to submit to new medical examination if required, and not to receive a Badge unless still unfit.
6. Penalty on any person other than the man to whom Badge is issued wearing same, or having it in his possession (except for repairs), \$50.00.
7. Penalty on owner of Badge selling it or giving it away or permitting it to be worn by any other person, \$25.00.
8. Badge-holder required to produce Badge for inspection to Regimental Authorities or their appointee whenever called upon to do so. Penalty, \$10.00.
9. Badge-holder losing Badge to report loss forthwith to Regimental Authorities, and if required, furnish affidavit of loss. Penalty, \$10.00. A new Badge may be issued on satisfactory proof of the loss.
10. Badge-holder leaving the country to return Badge to Headquarters and receive a certificate in exchange.

J. J. O'GRADY,  
Capt. & Adjt.

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## WHAT NOVA SCOTIA IS DOING FOR HER RETURNED SOLDIERS

Reference to the statement submitted by the secretary of the Returned Soldiers Committee for Nova Scotia for the month of September will show what is being accomplished by this committee in their important and big work with the returning soldiers. There is a phase of the great work which can be solved by close co-operation of the employers of labor throughout Nova Scotia, with the committee. An instance of this is the splendid assistance rendered by the Halifax Tramway Company who have in every possible instance taken back men, and taken on new men from among the ranks of the wounded and returned soldiers.

Speaking to a reporter of The Morning Chronicle last night, Mr. MacCoy, the secretary, said that there had been on the part of some employers of labor rather a hesitancy about employing returned soldiers and of too critical regard as to their ability. Mr. MacCoy pleads for greater consideration in this respect.

**Still More Effective**  
Measures are now being taken that will result in making the committee's work still more effective, by forming a connecting link between returned men and the committee. All friends of returned soldiers are asked to co-operate with the secretary in order that no efforts will be lost in placing returned soldiers in work.

A meeting of the Returned Soldiers Employment Committee was held on Tuesday, September 26th at Halifax the following members being present: Hon. R. M. MacGregor (chairman), T. J. Brown, D. H. MacDougall, W. R. Wakeley, F. H. Sexton, G. Fred. Pearson, W. B. MacCoy, secretary, together with the following visitors: Lieut. Col. J. J. Sharples, O.C.M.H.C. command, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Thompson, medical superintendent, M.H.C. command.

**Statement of Work.**  
The Secretary read the following statement of work done in comparison with report submitted at meeting held August 8th, 1916, as follows:

No. of soldiers returned to date, Sept. 25th, 1916	293
No. placed in situations	158
No. died since their return	3
No. undestrables	2
No. in hospitals, insane 5, general 60	65
No. unable to work	14
No. not wanting work	14
No. unable to locate	12
No. not yet discharged	9
No. vocational training	4
No. unemployed	22

P.S.—Of the latter item, a great many have been returned very recently, and the committee are now working on them.

A word in explanation of the item "unable to locate" might not be out of place. These comprise men to whom we have written letters, which have been returned to the office, others who have left their given address and have not left address behind, others who have left the Province and their present address not known, etc. Of this number one soldier was sent to convalescent home for treatment, but on the way disappeared, and we have been unable to ascertain his present whereabouts.

A comparison of these two reports shows that a large number of men returned in the interim and notwithstanding this the committee were able to locate in various classes of employment, thirty-one more men.

It must always be remembered that a returned soldier does not ask, expect or need work the moment he returns home, because he always has money to his credit and likes to have what he terms a "vacation" for a while, and in any event it is only the class 1 and 3 men who can be employed, as class 2 are men in homes or under medical observation and therefore not requiring employment sometimes for months.

**A Connecting Link**  
The question of having some connecting link between the returned man and the committee was again brought up by the secretary, and measures are now being taken that will result in making the committee's work still more effective.

The secretary is giving a great deal of his time in an endeavor to do his "bit," and would appreciate the co-operation of all friends of the returned soldiers in obtaining employment for them.

Education for disabled soldiers falls into two divisions:

(1) Classes in general and technical subjects while soldiers are convalescing in homes or hospitals. These classes are maintained in order to keep the soldiers from the evils of enforced idleness and are made as practical as possible so that the soldier may derive real benefit in becoming more competent in his work when he is discharged and returns to civil life.

(2) Re-education for those men who have been so disabled that they are not capable of following their vocations in which they labored prior to enlistment. This training is carried out usually after the soldier has been discharged. It is a serious and usually a tedious matter to decide whether a soldier is entitled to such training and how it is to be carried out. It involves a large expense to the country because the man and his dependents are supported and his training paid for over a period of perhaps a year.

The Disabled Soldiers Training Board is to be composed of two experts already in the employ of the hospitals commission and a third member at large to represent the public. Colonel Sharples and Colonel Thompson both addressed the committee, setting out their respective duties and explaining fully the creation, direction and operation of a casualty command consisting of men who have returned invalided from the front and convalescents from overseas battalions, to be known as the Military Hospitals Commission Command. This command to be part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force for home service, and to be under the Military Hospitals Commission in all matters connected with command, administration and discipline, subject to the requirements of the military service. Halifax Morning Chronicle.

The summer girl's idea of love is two souls with but a single hammock, two hearts that swing as one.

New York is organizing a "Sunset Club." What the world needs is more sunrises.



### IMPORTANT WARNING!

The Rifle Range on the South Side Hill will be in constant use from daylight till dark for Musketry Practice until further notice. All unauthorized persons are therefore prohibited from approaching the Range within 200 yards from either side or within 1,000 yards of the Targets to the eastward. Any unauthorized persons so doing will be liable to arrest, besides incurring serious danger from rifle bullets. This prohibition does not extend to any part of the hills west of the 1,000 yards firing point.

(Signed),  
**JOHN SULLIVAN,**  
Inspector-Genl. Consty.  
**W. H. RENNIE,**  
Captain (in charge of Musketry Instruction).



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**A CORRECTION**  
Tilting, Sept 28.  
(To the Editor)  
Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that in the list of donors to our fund from Tilting published in your issue of the 16th instant, the name that reads Ambrose Reardon should read Ambrose Burke, and the one Mark Lane should read Mark Foley.  
Respectfully yours,  
WALTER BURKE  
**READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE**  
Love may be blind, but it's always the first to see its own flash.  
"Come up and see us tonight old man."  
"Ah right, I'll be glad to."  
"Our daughter is studying music—"  
"By Jingo! I have just remembered an engagement, I am sorry, but I cannot possibly come."  
"Pshaw! As I was about to say, our daughter is studying music in France and we get a little lonesome." "I'll just cut out the engagement and come, anyhow."