

## BALLANTYNE ON MARINE DID NOT FIGURE INTEREST

Ottawa Critics Puzzled as to Just What Figures Indicate—Estimating Capital

(Ottawa Cor. Financial Post.)

The statement of the Minister of Marine, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, regarding the Canadian Mercantile Marine leaves the critics almost at sea apart in their construction of its exact significance as they were with the statement delivered by the minister of railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, last night, that the majority of the financial figures have since made it. Hon. Mr. Ballantyne's statement shows a paper profit, but it is a private shipping concern would be inclined to congratulate themselves upon.

The profits, or net earnings, as they were called, as figured out in this statement, on the forty-seven ships in operation during 1920, amounted to over \$700,000, which, the minister added, "was equal to 2.35 per cent. interest on notes given to the government for the full cost of the ships." This full cost is given at \$30,000,000 and a little calculation will show that even the paper profit is not correctly estimated. The net earnings of \$781,460.00 would figure out at about 2.60 per cent. on \$30,000,000.

A fair calculation to get at the approximate interest may be made by recalling that the money was raised on Victory bonds, which, at 5 1/2 per cent., would make the interest total \$2,750,000. Deducting the net earnings of \$781,460, the loss on the year's operations appears to be something about \$2,000,000.

The minister gave many reasons, some of them very adequate, for the unfortunate showing which the Canadian Mercantile Marine, in common with all shipping operations, is experiencing at the present time. There is a total of 160,000,000 more world tonnage than there was before the war. The abnormally high cost of operation have kept up, while freights have been steadily sagging downwards. It is known that on some of the trade routes from Great Britain freights have fallen as low as one-tenth of what they were during the war. Freight offerings, too, have fallen heavily, so that enormous quantities of our ships have never been able to secure capacity cargo, and at the present time a considerable amount of shipping is being carried with offerings decreasing.

Over-Optimism.

There was a tone of optimism in the minister's statement which, in the world's situation would hardly seem to justify; and though it is probably true, as he stated, that cost of operation of our ships, which is now exceeded by those of both Great Britain and the United States, will decline, it has not begun to do so appreciably yet, and it is to be assumed that those costs may be assumed to have been based, have declined very heavily. He also appeared to be somewhat too optimistic regarding the price of shipping today. Our ships cost an average of \$19.95 per dead-weight ton and are carried at this price in the financial statement. Mr. Ballantyne gave the price of similar ships in the United Kingdom today at \$130 per ton. Possibly the reproduction cost of the ships, but Mr. Bosworth, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Ocean services, in a recent interview, stated that he could get all the new ships at an actual value of \$150 to \$175 per ton. The Canadian fleet would have to be marked down heavily.

Most of the building trades unions of Northampton, Mass., went on strike yesterday against a reduced wage schedule. The unions decided to remain at work for the present.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

MARRIAGES

HUGGARD-CRONE—At the residence of Rev. J. C. B. Appel on April 3, 1921, Leah W. daughter of Jas. F. Crone, of Centerville, N. B., to James Roy Huggard of St. John, N. B.

DEATHS

HEENAN—At his parents' residence, 10 Queen street, West St. John, on April 3, 1921, William J., aged 6 weeks, infant child of W. J. and Josephine Heenan.

BURIAL—Tomorrow afternoon, the morning of April 5, Joseph P. Merritt, in the 73rd year of his age.

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## GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

### JOSIE HEATHER, ENGLAND'S FOREMOST COMEDienne, HERE

Is Appearing Tonight at the Opera House in Season's Musical and Vocal Event—Delightful Repertoire of Exclusive Songs.



The big feature at the Opera House tonight and again tomorrow and Thursday will be the charming and winsome Josie Heather, England's foremost comedienne, who is appearing in a delightful repertoire of exclusive songs. She will be assisted by a talented pianist, John MacLaughlin, and Bobby Heather. The offering is one of the season's musical and vocal events, and should make a great hit while here.

In addition to their banner attraction, there will be "Dippy" Diers, "The Inimitable Pantomimist." His most recent success in the "clowning" game was at the New York Hippodrome, where he remained for six seasons. He will be assisted by Flo Bennett, an attractive young woman, who is a capable singer and dancer.

Other acts will be, Frank Farron, a dealer in laughs; Nelson and Madson, who are offering a rural comedy singing skit, "A Rubie and a Ruby"; and the Dwyer Sisters in police songs and dances. There will also be another episode of "Fighting Fate."

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heenan, 10 Queen street, will sympathize with them in the loss of their little son, William J., who died on the morning of April 3. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Members of the Rotary Club started out this morning on a drive to raise \$3,000 for the boy scouts, to cover their current expenses for the year. Every member of the club who was in the city was on the job and at noon reports received indicated that generous support was being given to the appeal.

The children's show campaign will be concluded tomorrow.

The auxiliary schooner Rayo, which went aground at the entrance to St. John's harbor recently, and arrived in St. John last night, she docked at Market Slip, where she is taking on cargo for Five Islands, N. S. She was released without damage being done, and is none the worse for her temporary journey on dry land.

Miss Mary Nadeau wishes to thank Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. A. McCarthy, the Sisters of the St. John Infirmary, the nurses and friends for their kind words to her during her recent illness.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was celebrating this morning at a pontifical requiem high mass marking the twentieth anniversary of the death of Bishop Sweeney, which took place on March 25, 1901. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. William Duke as high priest, Rev. Raymond McCarthy as deacon; Rev. Simon Oram as sub-deacon, and Rev. H. Ramagge as master of ceremonies.

CORNELIUS O'DONNELL. The death of Cornelius O'Donnell of Millstreet occurred yesterday in Fairville. Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Leo, Bernard and Murray, all of Millstreet. Five brothers and two sisters also survive. The brothers are Patrick, John and Andrew of Berlin, New Hampshire; Philip of Sussex, and Frank of Millstreet. The sisters are Mrs. John Crawford of Fairville, and Mrs. O'Brien of Sussex. Interment will be at Millstreet.

PRESBYTERY. At a special meeting of the St. John presbytery held this afternoon in St. Andrew's church, with Rev. William Morrison as moderator, it was announced that the congregation of St. Matthew's church in Douglas avenue had extended a call to Rev. W. A. Spencer to become their minister. Rev. Spencer accepted by letter. Elders D. G. Andrews and I. W. Hutchinson represented the congregation. Rev. W. J. Bevis of Lunenburg acted as moderator. The induction will take place in St. Matthew's church in the evening of April 21.

NO CHANGE IN WATER RATES. The water rates for the current year will be presented to the city council this afternoon for approval. Should the council accept the recommendation of the commissioner, the rates will be the same as last year, one-fifth of one per cent. on the assessed valuation of the property and the standard charges for fixtures.

LaTOUR Apartments. Terms, \$3 per day. Special rates, permanent guests. Excellent dining room, meals 60c; ten tickets \$2.50.

King Square, St. John, N. B.

## LOCAL NEWS

Parents will find it easy to fit their big boys with boots, particularly if they wear size six or larger, from the \$4.85 line that Percy J. Steel, 511 Main street, is showing in black and mahogany, either broad or accented toe.

STATIONERY ENGINEERS will meet in their hall, Market Building, April 8, 8 p. m. Open to all Stationery Engineers.

Ladies just acclaim over the two tie low cuts that Percy J. Steel, 511 Main street, is showing at \$5.65 a pair. Rich mahogany or black.

The King's Daughters' annual meeting at 7:30 this evening.

"MY LADY ALICE" Tonight at St. Vincent's Auditorium, the St. Rose's Dramatic Club presents a great scenic melodrama "My Lady Alice." Tickets, 50 cents.

CARD OF THANKS. Mrs. Norval D. MacLaughlin and sister-in-law, Mrs. Richards, wish to thank their many friends for flowers and kindness shown them during their recent sad bereavement.

Boys' box kid kip boots for \$2.95 a pair, all sizes, 1 to 6. Regular \$3.50 value. Percy J. Steel, 511 Main street.

Dancing tonight, "The Studio."

YOUNTEERS WANTED. To work on Rosebud day, April 8. Any one willing to do so, phone Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Main 2121-21.

"Studio." Regular dance tonight.

SOMETHING NEW. The patrons of the Strand are enjoying the new seven-piece Indian orchestra.

NOW AT DANIEL'S. The "London House" (F. W. Daniel & Co.) has been fortunate in securing the services of Detram Smith to take charge of their lower main floor.

Mr. Smith is very well and favorably known in the dry goods business, as he was employed with Macaulay Bros. & Co. for some fifteen years. He left there to enlist with the 55th Battalion, soon after the outbreak of the war. He went to France with the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion, and suffered the loss of his right eye in the fighting near St. Eloi in the summer of 1916. He was invalided home and was for some time commander in the Depot Battalion here, and was demobilized with the rank of major.

House cleaning time is the time for cravatene slippers, one strap or elastic front, only \$1.75 a pair. Percy J. Steel, 511 Main street.

PERSONAL. Miss Ellen Keane arrived in the Boston train yesterday, after a short vacation in Boston.

W. J. Richardson returned to New York Saturday evening after spending the Easter holidays at his home in Elliott Row.

Lawrence Manning, son of Dr. James Manning, arrived home today from Chicago, where he had been employed for about six months.

Amherst News: Mrs. N. C. Scott of St. John is visiting her son, Frank S. and Mrs. Scott, 44 Havelock street.

Mrs. John Mitchell of St. John arrived in Amherst on Friday to spend a few weeks with her son, Wilbur Mitchell.

ACTIVITY AT DOORN. The Hague, April 4.—The Dutch has been much coming and going of prominent Germans as well as ex-Princes at the ex-Kaiser's residence at Doorn lately.

William J., who died on the morning of April 3, the funeral will be held tomorrow.

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I am in a position to deny again for official sources all rumors regarding the ex-Crown Prince leaving Holland soon. Government officials state that this is impossible without the consent of the Allied Powers.

The ex-Kaiser always receives all important news from Berlin by telegraph and is said to have been in a nervous and excitable state in the last few days.

INCREASED FARM PRODUCTION IN B. C. Victoria, April 5.—Although farm production is still obviously in its infancy in British Columbia, but the fact that it was valued in 1920 at more than \$68,000,000 will show that it is making rapid strides and that it is an important factor in the prosperity of the Pacific coast province. The increase in 1920 over the value of 1919 agricultural production amounts to over \$2,000,000.

The fruit crop, British Columbia was disappointing last year and it was only 44 per cent. of the previous year's due to an unfavorable season. Orchard production was valued at \$4,951,750 of which apples represented \$2,796,215. The vegetable crop, principally potatoes in point of value, was worth \$8,898,819, of which \$1,000,000 more than in 1919.

Grain crops decreased 487,324 bushels in quantity and more than \$1,000,000 in value. Potatoes showed a gain, being valued at more than \$17,000,000. Production was 565,537 tons, 40,135 tons more than in 1919.

Toronto, April 1.—Charles Patton, former town councillor of Dunnville, Ont., and convicted recently by Magistrate John Goodwin of that town for illegal selling, may have the pleasure of seeing officers of the law carrying thirty-six cases of liquor back up three floors to his attic. This liquor was confiscated by the officers when Mr. Patton was fined \$500 by Magistrate Goodwin. Justice Goodwin has the conviction on the ground that the evidence against Mr. Patton was insufficient under the law. Magistrate Goodwin holds the appointment temporarily in the place of Magistrate Hastings, whose work was recently under investigation.

Word was received here last night that Margaret Long, who was held in connection with an alleged infanticide case, at McAdam, had escaped and is supposed to be in the vicinity of St. John. The police have been notified.

Manitoba Declines. Winnipeg, April 5.—(Canadian Press)—The Manitoba government declined last night to vote \$250,000 for the purpose of fostering immigration, as urged by J. T. Heig, Conservative leader in the house.

## REDUCE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Bill Before Municipalities Committee—St. John County Bill Stands Till Friday.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 5.—The committee on municipalities met this morning and had before it a bill to amend the school act. The bill was agreed to with amendments, the most important of which reduced the maximum to be assessed in the city of St. John from \$400,000 to \$350,000.

A bill to enable the municipality of the city and county of St. John and public institutions therein to borrow money was taken up.

Hon. Mr. Byrne objected that no limit to borrowing power was stated, and also that too drastic powers were given to the municipalities.

Mr. Hayes said that if the bill was allowed to stand, representatives of the municipality would be present to state their views. The bill stands until Friday morning.

A bill to authorize the municipality of Albert to effect temporary loans was allowed to stand at the request of Mr. Smith of Albert, who said that the municipality desired to make some changes in the mill.

FREDERICTON, April 5.—A delegation from the New Brunswick Guides Association is to be heard by the government on Thursday. The delegation will deal particularly with the game act. They will oppose the shortening of the season and also advise changes in other features of the bill.

The corporations committee will meet on Wednesday morning to consider a bill to extend the time of Grand Falls development. A large delegation from Grand Falls in opposition to any extension will be heard.

The resolution on the question of holding a plebiscite on the question of the importation of liquor for personal use into New Brunswick is to come up this afternoon. It is likely to be passed. Consideration of supply will be continued.

The board of education met this morning and received a delegation from St. John which presented arguments in favor of instruction in junior Red Cross work being given in the lower grades of the public schools. In the delegation were Dr. Murray MacLellan, S. B. McCready, C. B. Allan and R. T. Hayes, M.P.P., the latter being provincial president. The board will consider the proposition at a future meeting.

An application from the Fredericton school board was received in which permission was asked to sell the old Bank school building, not now used. The permission was granted.

The residence of Hedley Kilburn in Kingsclear, some distance from Fredericton, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. Mr. Kilburn was in Fredericton at the time, having come here to attend the funeral of John Kilburn, a relative. His wife escaped from the burning building in her night gown with bedding thrown about her.

The cause of the fire is not known. The annual town elections of Marysville took place Monday. The eight councillors were returned by the voters on the only voting was for the majority. A light vote was polled, resulting as follows: Norman Cochran was elected over J. J. Walker by a sixty-two majority. The mayor-elect had the endorsement of the Textile Workers Union, which is the majority of the employers. The Cotton Mill of Canadian Cottons Ltd.

VALLEY RAILWAY IN THE COMMONS. Ottawa, April 5.—The minister of railways has given notice of a resolution in the house providing for the extension of the time for the completion of the St. John and Quebec Railway between the town of St. John and Andover, county of Victoria to be amended by substituting December 31, 1923, for December 31, 1921.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY PLANS. At a meeting of St. George's Society held last evening, with the president, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer in the chair, decision was reached as to the method of celebrating St. George's Day this year. The festival will fall on Saturday, the twenty-third and it was decided that the members should attend services in St. Paul's church at seven o'clock on Sunday evening, the 24th. An appropriate sermon will be preached by Archdeacon Croftwood. On Monday evening at seven o'clock the members of the society will gather round the tables of Bond's for a banquet. Competent committees are now working upon the details of the event.

NO COLONIZATION AREA LIKE CRADLE. Regina, Sask., April 5.—Regina said good-bye to the Duke of Devonshire last evening, the vice-regal party leaving for Saskatoon after a three day visit here. "In getting your country filled up," the governor-general said, "always bear in the mind that all of our colonization areas in the world nothing has never approached the cradle."

"More attention should be paid to public health, no fussy looking after other people's business by governments, but a general awakening of public opinion."

MISS M. H. MORRISON. Friends will regret to hear of the death of Miss Margaret H. Morrison, which took place early this morning at the residence of her brother, Atkinson Morrison, 100 Leinster street. She was the daughter of the late William J. and Sarah A. Morrison, of this city, and was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends. She was taken ill last Thursday and her death was due to pneumonia. She leaves three brothers, Atkinson, of Manchester, Robertson and Atkinson, Limited; James H., of Halifax, and C. B. Morrison, of Spokane, Washington. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from her brother's residence.

## Christ's Kingdom the Only Hope of Humanity

Lecture by CLIFFORD ROBERTS Traveling Representative of the International Bible Students Association

38 Charlotte Street, 8 p.m., April 6

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Come in and see our large assortment of Baby Carriages which we are selling at Amland Bros. low prices, while they last.

4 yard wide Linoleums. Oilcloth in 1 and 2 yards wide.

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STEPPED IN FRONT OF EXPRESS TRAIN

Brookville, Ont., April 5.—Walter Dalrymple, aged about forty-five, farm laborer, employed by Wilber Falls, Carp, was instantly killed near Malloytown when he was struck by the Grand Trunk International Limited. Dalrymple was visiting his brother, who is employed by George Armstrong, inspector of schools, Toronto, on his farm near Malloytown, and was driven by Mr. Armstrong to the vicinity of the G. T. R. station in order that he might catch a train for Lyn. Walking down the tracks he stepped out of the way of a freight train into the path of the Flyer. He was unmarried and a native of Scotland.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. James J. Taylor of Moncton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Robert Lewis Murdoch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Murdoch of Chatham, N. B., the marriage to take place early in April. Mr. Murdoch is accountant in the Bank of Montreal at Shediac.

Campbellton Graphic: Mr. and Mrs. John Dickie announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Cliff, to Willard Millican Steeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Steeves of Moncton, the marriage to take place the latter part of April.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mott of Young's Cove, Queens county, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gladys M. Mott, to William C. Fowler of Moncton. The marriage will take place at an early date.

The wedding will take place next week of Miss Valerie Steeves, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Steeves of Fredericton, and Frank D. Mott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt of Moncton.

DOLLAR DISCOUNT. New York, April 5.—Sterling exchange steady demand 390.5-8; cables, 391.8-8. Canadian dollars, 109.18 per cent.

CHARLES LEAVES. Budapest, April 5.—Former Emperor Charles left Steinamanger on his way out of Hungary this morning, according to word received here late this afternoon.

DOG COMBATS SUICIDE. Birmingham, Ala., April 5.—Death by suicide was the verdict from the city health office when Rover was drowned here the other day. The large mastiff incurred the wrath of his master who locked him up in the bathroom. The dog whined pitifully for a while, then was quiet. He was found in the overflowing bathtub dead.

MAINE NOTES. The steamer Eka III, cleared today and will sail tonight for Havana Cuba, with a cargo of potatoes. Furness, Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Manchester Shipper, which left Manchester March 24, with general cargo for St. John will arrive here sometime this week. Furness, Withy & Co. are the local agents.

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