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### CONCRETE SHIP IN NOVA SCOTIA YARD.

First Craft of Its Kind Constructed in the Province Is to Be Launched at North Sydney.

The first concrete ship to be built in Nova Scotia and east of Montreal is expected to be launched in December. It is being built in North Sydney for W. N. Macdonald of Sydney, by Ivan Bailey, who is in charge of the concrete construction work, and Elias Gillard, master builder of St. John's, who is in charge of the construction forms and designing. Work was commenced about two months ago.

The vessel will be 128 feet long, 27

feet beam, 12 feet depth and will be carrying between 450 and 500 tons. It will be equipped with oil engines and have a speed of about ten knots. The steel used in reinforcing the concrete is being obtained from the steel company at Sydney, and from Montreal. When completed it will be classed as Lloyd's. It will be the first reinforced concrete ship constructed in Nova Scotia as when completed work will be commenced on a three-masted schooner and possibly a beam trawler.

"Keen interest is now being taken in concrete ships," said Mr. Macdonald, "although they were first built about 100 years ago. The United States government recently set aside ninety mil-

lions for the construction of concrete ships.

In Singapore a ship almost identical with that now being built in North Sydney was constructed. The local ship will be, however, four feet deeper. British shipbuilders are now going in for this work. Recently a three-masted ship was built in an English shipyard and classed and given the highest rating by Lloyd's.

—BUY-VICTORY BONDS—

A certain Downs man is considering the purchase of a pearl necklace for his Jersey cow. He says with buttermilk at sixty cents a pound and milk at fourteen cents a quart nothing is too good for old Bossie.—Hopkins Journal.

### NEW SLOPE OPENED IN SPRINGHILL AREAS.

(Amherst News.)

A new slope opened up at Springhill will mean a more plentiful supply of coal for the province during the winter months—and with a threatened coal shortage, the action of the Dominion Coal & Railway Company may be looked upon as important. In September a fall 1,500 feet in length occurred in the west slope, the only pit in the mining town that was being fully worked. While the men were idle the company

took measures to commence the new slope. A new bank head was built, and the seam, five feet in thickness, was struck at the surface. Two days ago the first shipment of coal was made to the Amherst Foundry Company, and according to all reports, the fuel is an improvement on the coal that has been mined in the other slope, at Springhill. Yesterday afternoon the News man was talking to Mr. Stewart of the Dominion Coal Company and he predicted great things from the new slope. In addition to this, he stated that everything in the vicinity of the mines was progressing

lively, although like other mining centres, the company is hard pressed by the labor shortage. Notwithstanding this fact the output is being well maintained.

—BUY-VICTORY BONDS—

### ROADS IMPROVED

During an automobile tour of 800 miles through the northern section of this province and experiencing only one puncture, a local automobile enthusiast arrived in the city yesterday full of praises for the splendid work which has been accomplished by the provincial government on the roads during the last two summers.

### ROOSEVELT'S OPINION

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt sent duplicate telegrams to night to United States Senators Lodge and Poindexter and Johnson in which he characterized as "thoroughly mischievous" the fourteen principles enunciated by President Wilson if they are to be made the basis of peace.

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