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SHIPBUILDING ACTIVITY.

American shipyards will show an output in 1916 exceeding that of the rest of the world. Lloyd's Register give output of British yards for year ended March 31, 1916, as 424, of 1,423,435 tons, against previous year's 471 ships of 1,587,467 tons. German shipyards at beginning of 1914, at highest point of their activity, had 104 ships of 810,520 tons, compared with American yards today with 712 ships of 1.738.514 tons.

British ocean-going shipping was about 16,500,000 tons at outbreak of the war. About 1,250,000 tons fell to submarine activity, and about 1,000,000 tons of new shipping was commissioned up to March.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PURCHASES BOATS.

Passenger steamships Narragansett and Manhattan, which since their completion for Grand Trunk interests have lain idle in New London harbor, are reported to have been sold to Canadian government for \$1,000,000. It is believed that this sale involves no exchange of funds, the vessels having been turned over in part payment of obligations.

JAPAN BUYS RAILROAD.

For \$7,000,000 Japan has acquired from Russia 75 miles of the main line railroad through Southern Manchuria, according to unconfirmed reports received by Japanese residents of San Francisco. The concession was paid for, the reports said, in war munitions including aeroplane motors valued at \$1,000,-000 manufactured in Berkeley, Cal.

BRITAIN RULES THE WAVES.

Only 21 out of 21,000 merchant ships which passed through British navy patrol since December, 1915, were lost or seriously damaged. Not a single life has been lost in sea transport to and from British army in France.

NAVIGATION OF HUDSON BAY,

The Canadian Department of Marine is preparing for immediate opening of navigation of Hudson Bay and Straits. Construction supplies are on the way for a dozen lighthouses, ten in the straits and two at Fort Nelson.

TO INVESTIGATE CANADA'S RAILWAYS.

According to Sir Robert Borden, the newly appointed Railway Commission is to investigate Canada's railway affairs in the following manner:

- (1) The general problem of transportation in
- (2) Status of each of the three transcontinentals, Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk, and Canadian Northern, having special reference to following considerations: Territories served by each system and service it is capable of performing in the general scheme of transportation; physical conditions and capacity; methods of operation; branch lines, feeders, and connections in Canada; connections in United States; steamship connections on both oceans; capitalization, fixed charges and net earnings, having regard to present conditions and probable future development.
- (3) Reorganization of any of the systems, or acquisition by the state, and in latter case the most effective system of operation.
- (4) All matters which the board may consider pertinent or relevant to general scope of the in-

SHIPPING AND MARKETING OF FRUIT.

Two most seasonable bulletins have been issued by the Dairy and Cold Storage Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture bearing upon the precooling, shipment and cold storage of tender fruit. Both bulletins can be had free on application to the Publications Branch of the Department at Ottawa. In the first of these publications, Edwin Smith, B.Sc., in charge of the pre-cooling station at Grimsby, Ont., gives details and advice regarding the pre-cooling of fruit along with results obtained from experiments. It was only in 1914 that the pre-cooling and fruit storage plant was established at Grimsby. Since that time extensive tests have been carried on regarding conditions for shipment and temperature at various stages in transit. Results and observations are given relative to all kinds of fruit, including tomatoes, and not only in reference to transportation but also as to the effect on marketing. During 1913, this Bulletin states, while tender fruit laid on the ground rotting in Ontario, the Dominion of Canada imported huge quantities of peaches, plums, grapes, pears, apricots, etc., from the United States, owing to the better and more provident care that had been taken, By following the counsel contained in this bulletin. this state of things will be avoided. Rates, rules and regulations for pre-cooling and storage are supplied; the second bulletin, for which J M. Creelman, B.S.A., shares with Mr. Smith the responsibility not only deals further with pre-cooling investigations, but also goes fully into methods of packing, shipping and storing tender fruit, tomatoes, corn and cucumbers, Both bulletins are suitably illustrated and should command the earnest attention of fruit growers and shippers.

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BEYOND DESCRIPTION.

In writing of a recent trip to the Pacific Coast, over the lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, a prominent member of one of the State Railway Commissions of the United States, says:

"I have promised myself many times since last November that I would write you expressing my appreciation of your contribution to the pleasure of the trip our party took in connection with our visit to the Exposition in California, last September.

"It would appear that the grandeur of the scenery along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Prince Rupert could not be exceeded anywhere, the vastness of the snow-capped mountains standing like mighty sentries guarding its steel-ribbed path are beyond my power of description, and as the train glides from the prairies of golden grain among the mighty foot-hills of the Rockies, it brings quick comparison between the handlwork of man and the Author

"The equipment was good, the service fine, attention of employees beyond criticism accommodation and service upon the boats that carried us through the series of inland seas was such as to bring real rest and peace instead of added fatigue, and being thus refreshed we were ready for whatever the "Great West" had to offer, and able to enjoy to the full each and every new sight that came within the range of our vision, from Mountain Goat to ponderous Bear.

"Officers and employees seem to vie with each other in giving their passengers a really good time and each passenger received "special" attention. My observation was that there were no favorites for certainly all the passengers appeared to receive the same attention as did we, and all were made to feel care-free believing that everything that could be was being done for their comfort."

RUSSIA BUYING RAILS.

The purchase last week by the Russian government of over 400,000 tons of steel rails from American manufacturers swells the total taken by that country during the past 18 months to 700,000 tons, costing between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

ONTARIO FRUIT FOR MLIITARY HOSPITALS.

The Department of Agriculture will this year, it is stated, send a larger quantity of fruit to military hospitals in England and France. The plant at Vineland has been fixed up for the purpose of canning the fruit. Five tons of strawberries have already been canned, and a start will be made on raspberries. The berries, red and black currants, and perhaps some plums, will go into jam, while the peaches will be preserved.

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