

## Bank of Nova Scotia

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held in the Banking House, Hollis Street, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 23rd January next, at Eleven o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a statement of the affairs of the Bank, for the election of Directors and for other business.

By order of the Board,

H. A. RICHARDSON,

General Manager.

Halifax, N.S., December 14th, 1917.

## PENMANS LIMITED.

### DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of one and one-half per cent. has been declared on the Preferred Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company, for the quarter ending January 31st, 1918, payable February 1st, 1918, to Shareholders of record of January 21st, 1918; also a Dividend of one per cent. and bonus of one per cent. on the Common Shares for the quarter ending January 31st, 1918, payable February 15th, 1918, to Shareholders of record of February 5th, 1918.

By Order of the Board.

C. B. ROBINSON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

## PROFESSIONAL

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## News of the Week

TUESDAY, DEC. 25.

General Allenby's forces are making steady progress in the conquest of Palestine and the subsequent march toward Aleppo, on the Constantinople-Bagdad Railway line.

British advance posts were driven in a short distance on a front of 700 yards in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden Railway.

On the Italian front only is there fighting of any consequence. Making another violent effort to gain access to the plain and escape from the rigors of winter in the mountains, the Austro-German forces, after elaborate preparation, launched an attack against the Italian positions on the Asiago Plateau. A slight advance was made here, but the defenders held the enemy from further gains, and counter-attacks are reported by the War Office at Rome to be proceeding satisfactorily. On the lower Piave River the Teutons effected a crossing, but were later driven back.

Quiet for the most part reigns in France. Only raiding operations are reported on the British front, while on the French front there has been considerable aerial activity.

There is no perceptible improvement in the Russian situation.

In a speech to the troops in the West the Kaiser admitted Germany was on the defensive.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26.

While Berlin and Vienna are sending out despatches recording their victory on the Asiago Plateau on Sunday, as a result of which they gained Col del Rosso and adjoining heights, and, according to them, some nine thousand prisoners, Rome counters with a report dealing with the fighting on Monday, as a result of which the Italians recovered much of the ground they had lost.

The city of Mannheim, on the Rhine, was bombarded by a British air squadron on Monday, a ton of bombs being dropped, starting a number of fires in various works and also in the town. One British machine did not return.

That the recall of General Sarraill from the Macedonian front means the abandonment of that sphere of warfare rather than renewed offensive there, is the view of the military expert of The New York Times and some other writers.

On the western front there has been a good deal of artillery activity and some raiding.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, has given place to Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss.

Peace parleys between Germany and Russia have advanced to the stage where the Commission is now reported to have left the front for final discussions at Petrograd or some other large centre, possibly Stockholm.

Another plot against Canada was unearthed in San Francisco.

The American steamer Tuscarora, with all hands, was lost at sea north of Cape Breton Island.

Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney-General for Great Britain, outlined the plans for combating the United States for British soldiers.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28.

News comes from Tokio of a clash between Chinese and Bolshevik troops at Harbin, Manchuria, in which the Russians were defeated and forced to surrender, their victors occupying the garrison of Harbin.

On Wednesday the Allies triumphed in a great aerial battle over the town of Treviso, sixteen miles north of Venice. Nearly half of a fleet of twenty-five Austro-German airplanes was destroyed, and many of their crews were killed or wounded.

On the western front no infantry actions of any importance are reported. A spell of severe winter weather having settled over the war zone in France, only counter-battery work is possible.

An Amsterdam despatch says that the town of Roulers, in Belgium, was destroyed by explosion of a German ammunition train, caused by bombs dropped from a British airplane in a recent raid. The plane itself was brought down by the concussion.

Two German attacks on the Verdun front were broken up by the French.

A German conspiracy in southern Brazil was nipped just in time by Brazilian authorities.

Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to General Allenby.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29.

The British defeat the Turks in Palestine. After repulsing an enemy attack north and northwest of Jerusalem General Allenby's forces advanced on a front of nine miles to a depth of about two and one-half miles along the foe's right flank, inflicting heavy losses.

"Achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind." This is the Allies' answer to the latest peace offer of the Central Powers as given by Premier Lloyd George in a letter to the National Labor Conference meeting in London.

A republic has been established in White Russia, and a Rada, or legislative body, has assembled at the town of Minsk to issue a proclamation and lay the foundations for the government of the New State.

Italy reports that a powerful squadron of Caproni airplanes bombarded large enemy forces in the Ronchi Valley with satisfactory results. Berlin reported increased artillery activity on the Asiago Plateau and the Tomba Ridge, on the Northern front. The Austrian War Office announced the repulse of Italian attacks west of Monte Asolone and east of Monte Solarolo. An Associated Press correspondent stated that the Allies' losses in the big aerial engagement over the town of Treviso, north of Venice, were very slight.

Denmark was declared to be strongly in favor of the allies.

Guatemala City was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake.

The sugar crisis in the United States was stated to

## Shipbuilding in Canada

Some idea of the shipbuilding under way in Canada may be gained from a perusal of the following list, compiled by the Toronto Globe:

### STEAMERS—ATLANTIC COAST.

	Gross tonnage.
Canadian Vickers, Limited, Montreal, Que., 2 cargo steamers, steel	9,400
1 dredge, steel	2,360
12 trawlers, steel	3,050
23 drifters, wood	3,450
Davie Shipbuilding Co., Levis, Que., 1 car ferry, steel	5,000
Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Trenton, N. S., 2 cargo steamers, steel	3,000
Southern Salvage Co., Liverpool, N. S., 1 cargo steamer, wood	2,800
Grant and Horne, St. John, N. B., 1 cargo steamer, wood	2,800
Sincennes-McNaughton Lines, Sorel, Que., 1 tug, wood	420
Total number of boats, 44; total tonnage	32,280

### GREAT LAKES.

Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co., Port Arthur, Ont., 7 cargo steamers, steel	14,737
6 trawlers, steel	1,530
Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., Collingwood, Ont., 2 cargo steamers, steel	4,800
Polson Iron Works, Toronto, Ont., 8 cargo steamers, steel	18,800
10 trawlers, steel	2,640
Thor Iron Works, Toronto, Ont., 2 cargo steamers, steel	4,874
2 trawlers, steel	540
Toronto Shipbuilding Co., Toronto, Ont., 2 cargo steamers, steel	6,000
Welland Shipbuilding Co., Welland, Ont., 2 cargo steamers, steel	4,700
Midland Dry Dock Co., Midland, Ont., 3 cargo steamers, steel	6,000
Georgian Bay Shipbuilding and Repairing Co., Midland, Ont., 1 tug, wood	40
Total number of boats, 45; total tonnage	64,521

### STEAMERS—PACIFIC COAST.

J. Coughlan and Sons, Vancouver, B. C., 3 cargo steamers, steel	17,190
Wallace Shipyards, Limited, North Vancouver, B. C., 4 cargo steamers, steel	17,500
2 freight and passenger, steel	11,000
2 auxiliary schooners, motor engines, wood	3,000
Cameron-Genoa Mills, Limited, Vancouver, B. C., 2 auxiliary schooners, motor engines, wood	3,000
Yarrows, Limited, Esquimalt, B. C., 1 stern wheeler, wood	400
Pacific Construction Co., Port Coquitlam, B. C., 2 cargo steamers, wood	5,600
British Yukon Navigation Co., Vancouver, B. C., 1 passenger and freight river steamer, wood	1,000
1 motor boat, wood	100
Total number of boats, 18; total tonnage	58,790

Atlantic Coast	44	32,280
Great Lakes	45	64,521
Pacific Coast	18	58,790
	107	155,591

### SAILING VESSELS—ATLANTIC COAST.

	Gross tonnage.
J. W. Comeau, Comeauville, N. S., 1 schooner, wood	329
Dr. McDonald, Meteghan, N. S., 1 schooner, wood	544
John Deveau, Meteghan, N. S., schooner, wood	425
Innocent Comeau, Little Brook, N. S., 1 schooner, wood	250
Omer Blinn, Grosses Coques, N. S., 1 schooner, wood	375
J. N. Rafuse, Bridgewater, N. S., 3 schooners, wood	755
Leary and Sons, Bridgewater, N. S., 2 schooners, wood	265

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be almost past.

Allied newspaper comment showed solid opposition to the latest Teuton peace offer.

MONDAY, DEC. 31.

The Germans made an attack on a two-mile front south of Cambrai and succeeded in gaining a foothold at two points, but later were ejected by British counter-attacks.