

SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION MARKED TAKING OVER OF THE NEW WHARF

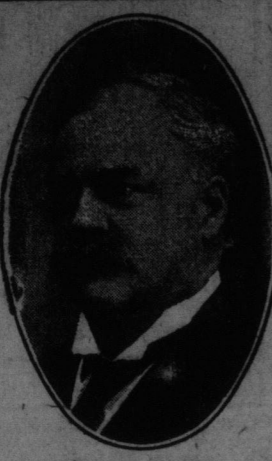
A NOTABLE TRIBUTE TO GREAT WORK

Ceremony Celebrated Completion of Big Undertaking.

A NEW STEP TO THE CITY'S PROSPERITY

Contract finished yesterday was accomplished amid many difficulties by energy and resource of M. W. Doherty of Maritime Dredging Company and faithful work of St. John workmen.

The public demonstration in celebration of the opening of the new docks on the West Side yesterday afternoon was an altogether unique affair, a tribute to the ministers of the government which has done so much to develop port facilities here, as well as to the local contractors who, in the face of great difficulties and a general feeling of scepticism as to their ability to do so, have accomplished a great work in a very short period of time.



HON. J. D. HAZEN
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Bay on a fine summer's afternoon to take part in the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the great works there, under the auspices and by the will of the present government, the great crowd which gathered on the West Side at the close of a gloomy winter's day would seem to indicate that the people of St. John have developed a much greater desire to show their confidence in and gratitude to the present government at Ottawa, and their appreciation of the services of their representative in the Dominion Cabinet than they possessed a few years ago. In view of all the circumstances, the depressing weather, the bitter cold, and the absence of any spectacular ceremony, the ministers of the crown could not have desired a more magnificent demonstration than was accorded them yesterday by the people of St. John.

of the warmth of the welcome given him, for there was a fervor and frankness about it that was not conspicuous during his first visit to St. John.

A PROMISE KEPT.

The official opening of the new docks marked the fulfillment of a promise made by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hazen when they were in St. John about a year ago, a promise which many people at the time thought impossible of fulfillment. Probably the fact that this promise had been implemented through the efforts of local contractors after an outside contractor had failed to live up to his contract, gave an added interest to the demonstration marking the completion of a great undertaking in record time.

Mr. Manning W. Doherty, manager of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company, the contractors modestly disclaimed responsibility for the rapid carrying out of the great undertaking, declaring that the credit belonged to the workmen of St. John who had been engaged with him on the big job, and who had labored day and night to rush it to completion. But the reception given Mr. Doherty when he rose to speak and formally turn over the docks to the government, was nearly as enthusiastic as that given to the ministers.

It appears that the minister of public works had told Mr. Doherty that he could expect nothing but death if he did not finish the work in time, and that Mr. Hazen had urged him on by threatening with all kinds of even worse penalties. And from the evidences of the popularity enjoyed by Mr. Doherty among the employees of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company made evident while he was speaking there is every reason to suppose that every employe of the company would like to save Mr. Doherty from the fate which threatened him.



MR. M. W. DOHERTY
Manager of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Co.

so far as he was concerned the government would not fail in its duty but would build a dock here on the same plans and in the same form as at Esquimaux, that is a dock 1,500 feet in length, such as the Board of Trade has been clamoring for.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hazen pointed out that while the war lasted the first duty of Canada was to aid the Empire in her hour of need, and that all other considerations must be subordinated to this purpose. Canada, said Mr. Hazen, can borrow all the money it wants in England to enable her to equip and send her sons to the battle fields where the greatest fight in history is being waged in defence of civil and religious liberty and the flag we are proud and glad to live under, but for the present the money market is closed against demands for money for public improvements. The government had decided to carry to completion all great works which were in progress when war broke out, but until the conclusion of the great struggle the programme

of improvements which the government had before it would have to be held in abeyance, though it would carried out as soon as conditions permitted.

MR. BOSWORTH OPTIMISTIC

Mr. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R., was able to assure the gathering that in his opinion the trade through St. John this winter would not suffer in comparison with other years to any extent. The C. P. R., though deprived of many steamers by the needs of the admiralty had in conjunction with the Allan Line arranged for a weekly passenger steamer service from St. John and he expected the grain traffic would be large.

He was pleased that the docks had been completed because it made it possible to secure for St. John traffic which might go elsewhere.

Another announcement of interest made at the meeting was that the British and French governments had already purchased sufficient hay and oats in Canada to fill twenty hatches, and these steamers would be loaded at St. John. This is of course a new, as it is an exceptional business for this port.

THE PROGRAMME

The general programme of the day was carried out without a hitch. On arriving in the city the Ministers were escorted by 600 workmen of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company and a large number of other citizens to the residence of Hon. J. D. Hazen. From there they went to the Union Club where they were entertained at luncheon which was attended by a large number of prominent citizens.



HON. ROBERT ROGERS
Minister of Public Works

The Curlew steamed over to the West Side where the entrance to the new docks was barred by a ribbon stretched from pier head to pier head. Stationed somewhat precariously on the prow of the government boat was Miss Frances Hazen, daughter of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, with Manning W. Doherty and Harry Cousins, chief officer of the Curlew, in attendance. As the Curlew headed in for the docks the ribbon snapped, but the alert official of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company quickly ran a string across the docks, and when the steamer swung into the docks Miss Hazen cut the string, instead of a ribbon.

That ceremony marked the official opening of the docks to shipping and it was at once celebrated by the blowing of whistles by the attending tugs and all the steam craft in the harbor as well as the raising of flags on staffs at the pier heads.

MINISTERS GIVEN FINE RECEPTION

Important Announcements By Minister of Public Works.

HEARTY CHEERS FOR MINISTER OF MARINE

Hon. Robert Rogers announces that Government will lengthen new Dry Dock at Courtenay Bay until it is as large as splendid one at Esquimaux—C.P.R. already waiting to use new facilities.

of cheering and shouting of greetings. Disembarking from the Curlew the Ministers and party entered the new shed where a platform had been built from whence to address the gathering. So great was the crowd that many prominent men of the province who had been invited to seats on the platform were unable to make their way there.

J. M. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade for the last two years, presided, and made the opening address.

Vice-Admiral Sturdee's Squadron Keep Up Their Good Work and Send Cruiser Nurnberg to the Bottom; The Dresden Chased Into The Straits of Magellan, Where She Is Reported Captured

Admiralty Announces Sinking of Fourth German Cruiser In Fight Off Falkland Islands on Tuesday—Unofficial Report of Botting Up of the Dresden—Not One British Vessel Lost in Engagement—Fight In South Atlantic Lasted Five Hours—Von Spee believed to Have been Attempting to Run for Home Waters.

London, Dec. 10.—The German cruiser Nurnberg, which withdrew from the battle off the Falkland Islands last Tuesday, and attempted to make her escape, in company with the cruiser Dresden, while the British warships under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee were sinking the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, was hunted across the water by units of the British fleet, and sunk the same day.

This information was contained in a statement of the British official press bureau made public today. The statement added that a search for the Dresden was still proceeding. The text of the communication follows:

NOT ONE BRITISH VESSEL LOST.
"A further telegram has been received from Vice Admiral Sturdee reporting that the Nurnberg was also sunk on December 8, and that the search for the Dresden is still proceeding.

"The action lasted for five hours with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours and the Gneisenau two hours later.

"The enemy's light cruisers scattered, and were chased by our cruisers and light cruisers.

"No loss of any British vessel is reported."

DARING ATTEMPT OF DOVER BY GERMAN SUBMARINES IS REPORT; SINKING OF THREE

Dover, England, Dec. 10 (Via London)—The city of Dover was thrown into excitement today by the announcement that the Germans, early this morning, attempted a submarine attack on the harbor works and the fleet at anchor in the harbor.

The night was very dark, and a heavy rain and fog made searchlight work difficult. Fortunately, the forts were put on the alert about four o'clock this morning but the appearance of the harbor entrance of an unidentified steamer, which refused to stop until a shot was fired across her bow. The vessel then retired. She is believed to have been a tender of the submarines.

Half an hour later, it is said, a single submarine was sighted and one of the heavy guns in the harbor fired at her. This submarine, which evidently was an advance scout, disappeared but at half past six the observers sighted what they believed to be a fleet of about six submarines several miles out in the channel.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND IN WEST

Reports from Battleground in France and Belgium Show Allies Holding Positions They Have Taken in Past Week's Fighting and Making Steady Progress—Serbia Inflicts Severe Defeat on Austrians—Believed Russian Reinforcements Have Come to Aid of Serbs.

London, Dec. 10.—While the defeat of the German squadron in the South Atlantic has evoked the liveliest satisfaction throughout Great Britain, there have been no celebration such as marked the victories of the South African war, the British people being too much wrapped up in the operations of the Allied armies on the continent.

The lack of news from Poland causes some uneasiness regarding the result of the prolonged battle between the Russians and Germans, but the reports from France are considered here to be most favorable to the Allies.

The daily communication from Paris shows that the French have been making slow progress at many points for the past fortnight, and a review sent by a French eye-witness for the period from November 27 to December 5, claims that the ascendancy of the French infantry and artillery over the Germans had been established, and that while the infantry has advanced the artillery has mastered the German batteries.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION AT SYDNEY, N. S.

Over 500 Delegates Present—John C. Douglass, M.P.P., and Robt. H. Butts, M.P.P., Nominated for Federal Constituencies.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 11.—Mr. John C. Douglass, M. P. P. and Mr. Robert H. Butts, M. P. P. were yesterday nominated as the Conservative candidates for the federal constituency of Cape Breton South, and Richmond, at the largest party convention yet held in this city.

Nearly five hundred delegates were present representing Sydney, Glace Bay and every town and district of the dual constituency.

Dr. Joseph Hayes, provincial organizer of the party and Mr. A. B. Crosby, ex-M. P., Sir Robert Borden's colleague at the last election, were present and delivered speeches. Later Messrs. Douglass and Butts were escorted to the convention by a delegation headed by Mr. Kenneth McIntosh of St. Peter's. Both delegates addressed the gathering which by this time crowded the theatre where the convention was held and in brief speeches they accepted the nominations tendered them.

BERLIN ADMITS BRITAIN STRUCK HARD BLOW

Berlin, via London, Dec. 10.—An official communication issued by the Admiralty today reproduced the statement of the British Admiralty regarding the sinking of the German cruisers off the Falkland Islands, and added: "Our losses seem to have been great. Concerning the strength of the enemy, whose losses are reported to be small, the English despatches say nothing."

REP. PAYNE DIED LAST NIGHT

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mr. Payne, who was seventy-one years old, lived alone, and at midnight his body lay waiting for the coroner, without friend or relative near.

GERMANS TRYING TO ENTER WARSAW THROUGH BACK DOOR.

The Germans meanwhile continue their efforts to smash the Russian armies. While a large part of their force is endeavoring to hold the Russian centre another army is advancing from East Prussia to the east of Milawa, and is attacking the Russian right with a view to cutting communications and entering Warsaw through the back door.

Heavy fighting also is going on to the southeast of Cracow and to the southwest of Lodz, where the Austrian centre another army is advancing.

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