

Marine Department

Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Ltd., Shipbuilding, Operation, Etc.

Orders for Steamships—The table on page 39 of this issue containing particulars on orders for steel cargo steamships for Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., gives full particulars of 53 ships ordered by the Marine Department, and partial particulars of 3 others, 56 in all. We were officially advised Dec. 17, that the contracts for the 3 ships of which only partial particulars are given, viz.: 1 from Midland Shipbuilding Co. of approximately 3,950 d.w. tons, and 2 from Wallace Shipyards, Ltd., of approximately 8,350 d.w. tons each, had not then been signed. If not signed at the time of writing this (Dec. 26), they doubtless will be in the near future. Although no official information was obtainable up to Dec. 19, Canadian Railway and Marine World is aware that further orders have been decided on which will bring up the fleet to at least 60 ships. These additional orders include 2 'tween deck ocean going steel cargo steamships of approximately 3,950 d.w. tons each, to be built by Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., one at Collingwood, Ont., and the other at Kingston, Ont. It is said that the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., New Glasgow, N.S., has another order for a steamship of approximately 2,800 d.w. tons, similar to the first two orders placed with it, and that the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co. has an order for another steamship of approximately 4,300 d.w. tons, in addition to the orders placed with it previously.

Oil Fuel—Referring to the question of equipping the 4 steel cargo steamships, of approximately 8,350 d.w. tons each, which were ordered by the Marine Department from Canadian Vickers Ltd., on Sept. 30, to use fuel oil instead of coal, Canadian Railway and Marine World was advised Dec. 9, that the department had not come to any decision on the question in regard to any of the ships being built under its orders.

Launchings of Steamships—Since Canadian Railway and Marine World for December was issued we have been advised of the following launchings:

S.s. Canadian Importer; Marine Department contract 34; builder's yard no. 11; approximately 8,100 d.w. tons; J. Coughlan & Sons, Vancouver, B.C.; Dec. 6, 1919.

S.s. Canadian Beaver; Marine Department contract 31; builder's yard no. 15; approximately 3,750 d.w. tons; Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., Kingston, Ont.; Dec. 10.

S.s. Canadian Farmer; Marine Department contract 46; builder's yard no. 65; approximately 3,950 d.w. tons; Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., Collingwood, Ont.; Dec. 27, 1919.

S.s. Canadian Raider; Marine Department contract 7; builder's yard no. 102; approximately 5,100 d.w. tons; Wallace Shipyards Ltd., North Vancouver, B.C.; Dec. 11.

Delivery of Steamships—In addition to the steamships mentioned in Canadian Railway and Marine World previously, the following have been delivered to the Marine Department by the builders, and were transferred to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., for operation on the dates mentioned.

Nov. 18, 1919, s.s. Canadian Sower; Marine Department contract 20a; builder's yard no. 42; approximately 3,400 d.w. tons; Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co., Port Arthur, Ont. She was loaded with general cargo at Montreal for St. John's, Nfld.

Nov. 22, 1919, s.s. Canadian Navigator; Marine Department contract 23; builder's yard no. 73; approximately 4,300 d.w. tons; Canadian Vickers Ltd., Montreal. She was loaded with general cargo at Montreal for London, Eng.

Dec. 2, 1919, s.s. Canadian Settler; Marine Department contract 13; builder's yard no. 5; approximately 5,100 d.w. tons; Tidewater Shipbuilders Ltd., Three Rivers, Que. She was loaded with general cargo at Montreal for St. John's, Nfld.

Dec. 6, 1919, s.s. Canadian Spinner; Marine Department contract 27; builder's yard no. 71; approximately 8,350 d.w. tons; Canadian Vickers Ltd., Montreal. She was loaded with general cargo at Quebec for South America.

Dec. 20, 1919, s.s. Canadian Sealer; Marine Department contract 40; builder's yard no. 5; approximately 2,800 d.w. tons; Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., New Glasgow, N.S. She has since been reported to be icebound at Pictou, N.S.

Three steamships are now at Quebec ready to be delivered to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., viz.: Canadian Planter, approximately 8,100 d.w. tons, built by Canadian Vickers Ltd.; Canadian Rancher, approximately 5,100 d.w. tons, built by Tidewater Shipbuilders Ltd.; and Canadian Trapper, approximately 5,100 d.w. tons, built by Davie Shipbuilding & Repairing Co. In view of the unusual ice conditions in the St. Lawrence, they will not be put in service until next spring, and will be moored at Quebec for the winter.

Officers of Steamships—The following officers have been appointed by Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd. The first column contains the names of the ships, the second those of the captains and the third those of the chief engineers:

Canadian Importer	A. O. Cooper	J. Young
Canadian Planter	A. L. Starratt
Canadian Rancher	W. Bradley
Canadian Recruit	C. J. Murphy	W. Byers
Canadian Sower	L. Cunningham
Canadian Volunteer	E. C. Sears	J. Campbell
Canadian Voyageur	J. D. MacKenzie
Canadian Warrior	C. R. Bissett

Steamship Services—The Vancouver Board of Trade is reported to have received word that as soon as possible, Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., will establish a steamship service between Montreal, Halifax and British Columbia ports, via the Panama Canal.

The Canadian Merchant Service Guild has sent a petition to the Minister of Marine, asking that a government passenger steamship service be established between Vancouver, Victoria and San Francisco. It is pointed out that there was at one time an indifferent service given between these points by vessels under the U.S. flag, but that this was withdrawn some time ago.

The s.s. J. A. McKee has been chartered to the Newfoundland Government, for a short time, to carry coal from Cape

Breton to Newfoundland, where there is a serious shortage. She is screw driven by engine of 204 n.h.p., and is 2,158 tons gross, 1,375 tons register.

The s.s. Canadian Recruit, 3,964 d.w. tons, built by Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., and delivered to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., June 7, 1919, left Montreal, Dec. 8, with a general cargo for Kingston, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba. She was to call at Sydney, N.S., to fill her bunkers, and was to take a return cargo of sugar to St. John, N.B. She passed Crane Island Dec. 16, encountered serious ice trouble, lost her rudder, and went ashore on Vache Reef, near the mouth of the Saguenay, Dec. 20. The officers and crew were landed ashore, and the owners have notified the underwriters that the ship has been abandoned.

The s.s. Canadian Spinner, approximately 8,350 d.w. tons, built by Canadian Vickers Ltd., and delivered to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., Dec. 6, left Quebec Dec. 16, with a general cargo, via Halifax, for Rio de Janeiro, Santos, and Buenos Aires. She passed Red Island Dec. 18, and at the time of writing, Dec. 27, was stuck in the ice about 8 miles off Metane, with her rudder post being reported as broken. The Dominion Government ice breaking s.s. Lady Grey made two attempts to go to her rescue, leaving Quebec Dec. 24 and 25, but put back each time; the captain declaring it impossible to proceed owing to ice conditions.

S.s. Canadian Trapper—An action has been entered at Quebec by Tidewater Shipbuilders Ltd., Three Rivers, Que., against the Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Co., Lauzon, Que., for \$180,600, claimed to be due for installation of machinery by plaintiffs in the s.s. Canadian Trapper's hull, built by defendants.

The s.s. Volunteer, approximately 4,530 d.w. tons, built by Wallace Shipyards Ltd., and delivered to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., June 19, 1919, left Montreal Dec. 6, with a general cargo for London, Eng., and arrived at Quebec, Dec. 9, having struck three times near Cap la Roche, causing leaks in the bilges. Owing to the lateness of the season she will be kept at Quebec until the spring.

Canadian Vickers Ltd., Montreal, delivered the s.s. Canadian Navigator; Marine Department contract 23; builder's yard no. 73; approximately 4,300 d.w. tons; to the Marine Department, Dec. 2, 1919. She was immediately transferred to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., and was loaded at Montreal with general cargo for London, Eng.

The company also delivered the s.s. Canadian Spinner; Marine Department contract 27; builder's yard no. 71; approximately 8,350 d.w. tons; to the Marine Department, Dec. 6, 1919. She was immediately transferred to Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., and loaded at Quebec with general cargo for South America.

Collingwood Shipbuilding Co., which has contracts from the Marine Department for 2 steel cargo steamships, of approximately 3,950 d.w. tons each, launched one of them, Canadian Farmer,