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Happy Thousands See Canada Again After Years In War

MORE THAN 5,000 REACH HALIFAX

The Lapland and The Belgic In With Troops

NEW BRUNSWICK V. C.

Lieut. Colonel Peck Home—311 for This Province — Names of St. John Soldiers on the Lapland —Professor Andrew McPhail Talks on Big Questions Overseas

(Special to The Times.)

Halifax, March 1—Five thousand offi-rs, non commissioned officers and men the Canadian Expeditionary Force re-med to Canada via Halifax today. o Atlantic greyhounds, the Lapland i Belgic, both of the White Star Line, ived here today and before nightfall usands of the returning heroes will well on their way homeward. On rd the Lapland were ninety-one offi- and 1,859 other ranks, while the gic brought home seventy-three offi- and 3,194 other ranks. A total of it officers and 302 other ranks for St. n returned on the two steamers. On Lapland there were three officers and other ranks while the Belgic brought e five officers and 199 other ranks Military District No. 7.

Lapland.

he first steamer to arrive was the land. She has made many trips from port during the last four years with sands of the flower of Canadian hood eager for the fray, but this e first time that she has brought of these victorious boys home. It so her first trip here since the sign- of the armistice, previous to which was engaged in transport of Ameri- troops to France. The Lapland d from Liverpool on last Friday made the trip across in about eight . It was a little after midnight e big steamer entered the harbor anchored until morning. At eight ck she was docked at pier 2 when disembarkation of her military pas-ers commenced.

Brunswick V. C.

lifax, N. S., March 1—(Canadian s)—Among the distinguished sold- returning on the Lapland was Colon- W. Peck, V. C., D. S. O., M. P., of ce Rupert, who is proceeding to wa on special leave for the purpose ttending the sessions of the house as representative of Skeena, B. S. Col- Peck said this morning that he in-ed meeting his regiment, the 16th dian Scottish Battalion, at the port isembarkation and accompanying it s destination upon its arrival in the g. Colonel Peck won the V. C. on ember 2, 1918, in the second battle rras, when accompanied by his s, he led his battalion in person le-Cambrai, breaking down a resistance achine guns that had defied the e division. The pipers were all kill- His D. S. O. was won at Vimy , and a bar was added for work in August of last year. Colonel was mentioned five times in de-hes and wears the ribbon of the 15 star. He went overseas as a in with the 80th Battalion. This is rst trip to Canada since the out- of the war. He is a native of Al-ounty, N. B.

sor MacPhail.

or Sir Andrew MacPhail, profes- the history of medicine at Mc- niversity and editor of the Uni- Magazine, returned after two spent with the medical staff of the l division. Sir Andrew said that t the Cologne bridgehead on Jan- 9. It is his opinion that the Ger- are a shattered people and know their idols are fallen. He thought obable that the Rhine would be held initely and that the Huns would be to work out their own salvation. said that very little interest was taken in the peace conference in and, and that the opinion prevailed the league of nations would keep peace so long as the nations were sed to keep it and no longer. The e that could not protect Belgium, aid, was not likely to be any more tive in future, with Hottentots and se added to it. As for the con-tion made by the United States, ndrew said nowhere was appre-n of the American effort so high the army, which alone knew the ude of the services rendered and tent of the difficulties overcome. unrest in England was merely tion that had come to the coun- being bathed in blood for four The people were face to face a new economic system. In times by the whole world worked for nd and dumped on her shores raw material and more or less d goods. That had been stopped ow commodities were scarce and and wages, as they always did, lagging behind. services of Canada were recog- in England to the fullest and with Milner and Colonel C. S. Amery colonial office the political devel- of the dominion was assured a d regular course. Discussing the an medical service in England, Sir y said it was now running with all the smoothness of a university or Canadian hospital. The attacks upon the service which were so common in the beginning had long since ceased and the care of Canadian sick and wounded from the front line back to Canada had been a model for all the forces.

With reference to the returned soldier, Sir Andrew said that he, the soldier, appreciated fully all that was being done in the matter of his return to civil life. In Major MacPhail's opinion the returned soldiers would not form a separate class, but would merge themselves into the community. The few agitators and malcontents need not be too seriously regarded. As for the attitude of the veterans to war, they insisted they would not go to war again, unless it was a big one. As for the men returning on the Lapland, they were contented and glad to be home, and greatly interested to see what changes had taken place during the last four years. Everything possible had been done for their comfort on the trip across.

Major MacPhail was accompanied by his son, Captain J. B. MacPhail, who went over as a sapper with the first division and left as a brigade major with the engineers. He spent forty months in France.

Officers on the Lapland included:—

District No. 6—Lieut, C. R. Kormann, Hanover, Ont.; Lieut. A. R. Ramsay, Toronto; Nursing Sister G. E. MacDonald, Pictou; Nursing Sister F. H. Christie, Truro.

District No. 7—Lieutenants G. S. Ruthier, Chesley, Ont; E. Howell, Jerseyville, Ont.; Nursing Sister J. Peters, Rothesay.

Other officers on board were:—Major S. G. McDougall, Moncton; Lieut. N. Wilson, Chatham, N. B.

The Belgic.

The Belgic arrived here early this afternoon and docked at the entrance of the harbor. This is not the Belgic's first trip to Halifax during the war when her arrival or sailing could not be made known. She left this port on several occasions with thousands of Canadian troops. The Belgic was under construction when the war began and when the submarines began to make shipping tonnage a scarcity the work on her was rushed along and she carried thousands of troops.

The N. B. Men.

A wire was received by Charles Robinson, secretary N. B. Returned Soldiers' Commission, notifying him that the following men have arrived at Halifax on the Lapland and would proceed to St. John by special train tonight and arrive here Sunday morning. The S. S. Boldio would dock at Halifax this afternoon and the men from her would come on same train as the Lapland men. The men will all stop off at their home stations as the train comes along and those coming to St. John will go immediately to their homes:

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SCHOOL HOUSE.

The old Douglas avenue school building was sold at public auction at Chubb's corner at noon today by T. T. Lantalum. George E. Day became the owner for $2,025. The building is a wooden structure of two storeys and basement with extension in the rear and is located on a leasehold lot. It was originally erected for dwelling purposes and remodelled for use as a school. The erection of the new King George school in Bentley street left this building of no further use to the school board and so it was ordered sold.

A West St. John property which had been advertised for sale by F. L. Potts was not offered, other arrangements having been made.

DIED IN BOSTON.

News of the death of John Holland at his home in East Boston, was received today. He died last night. Mr. Holland, who was a son of the late John and Margaret Holland, of Pleasant Point, removed to Boston about thirty years ago and since then had made his home there. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, and one sister, Mrs. John T. O'Brien of Fairville. He had been ill for several months and Mrs. O'Brien, knowing that the end was approaching, had been on to Boston last week to see him. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

NOT TILL JUNE 1.

The Board of Trade was advised this morning, that the definite Railway War Board circular No. 97, has been postponed until June 1. This circular extended the time of credit for the payments on shipments of freight, from ninety-six hours to seven days, and was to become operative immediately, but there are other features of the circular that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association are looking into, therefore causing the delay.

PRESENTATION.

At the home of Mrs. A. Johnston, 105 Hilyard street, on Tuesday evening, about thirty friends gathered in honor of her birthday. Games, music and dancing were enjoyed. At the close of the evening Miss Blanche Jones, on behalf of those present, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston a beautiful hat tree.

COURT HOUSE INQUIRY.

Owing to the absence of the mayor and commissioner of harbors, who will be in Ottawa next week, it is probable that the adjourned meeting of the investigation into the court house fire will be postponed.

EIGHT OF EACH.

The births reported during the last week numbered sixteen, eight boys and eight girls. One marriage was reported to the registrar.

SCOTIAN HAS A LARGE NUMBER

Liner Lands Troops at Sand Point This Morning

A GOOD VOYAGE

St. John Nurse Among the Number —A Cadet Who Won the V. C. —Names of New Brunswickers On Board

The grim tale of war was plainly written on the faces of the soldiers who arrived on the S. S. Scotian today. The big C. P. O. S. liner docked at Sand Point this morning. The vessel brought more than 2,200 passengers, consisting of 1809 soldiers, including officers and men of the C. E. F., 100 naval ratings for Newfoundland and about 150 civilians. The trip across was uneventful, the weather being ideal and good time made. There was very little sickness on board and the voyage was enjoyed. Among the civilian passengers was Stanley E Elkin, M. P., of St. John, who has been in Europe since the first of the year on business.

There were distinguished soldiers aboard the Scotian. From the simple privates to the highest ranked officer on the ship there were visible signs of extended service in the great war. There were many "originals" to come across and they were the most joyful of the party. All were glad to see the shores of Canada once again. As one said: "We can appreciate this little land of the Maple Leaf now because most of us have fought pretty hard to keep it from the Huns. Believe me, the Canadians made a good job of it."

A V. C. Aboard

Of the outstanding officers aboard was Cadet Coppings who wore on the breast of his tunic the coveted Victoria Cross. ribbon. Cadet Coppings is an unassuming soldier, small and possessing a weight of determination underneath a look that goes right through one. Courteous and polite, he is typical of the Canadian soldier. Cadet Coppings termed himself a "wanderer" when asked by a Times representative where he came from. He enlisted with the Canadian Cavalry, Alberta Dragoons, and went overseas as a member of the "originals." He was transferred to the 8th Battalion with which regiment he served "his term," and, as he says himself, "I have been in the trenches a large number of months" and here he started to scratch his head and think-how long?

It was during the attack on Beaufort on August 9, 1918, in the Amiens push that Cadet Coppings won his decoration. He was recommended for a commission and the V. C. He got the latter and left for England to study for his lieutenancy but while he was studying the armistice was signed. Cadet Coppings is now on his way to Winnipeg where he will secure his discharge.

Lieutenant A. E. Wallace, of Winnipeg, a former newspaper man, was also on board. He went overseas with a draft from the 47th Battalion in June 1915 and is also one of the "originals" and saw twenty-eight months of service in the trenches. He was hit once, during the last month of the war. "It is just a souvenir by which I will remember more easily my wee part in the war," he said, Lieutenant Wallace wears the 1914-15 star.

Two distinguished passengers who crossed on the liner were Captain G. Rozzeli and Lieut. C. Calliano, M.C., both on their way to Washington in connection with diplomatic services. Both officers have seen long and faithful service with the Italian troops and are now in the employ of the Italian government. They politely refrained from giving any details of their mission saying that their mission could not be made public as yet, and besides the government did "not like to see their names in print."

Lieut. G. H. Williams, M.M., and bar, D.C.M., of the "originals, "who has experienced more than forty-five months' service in the trenches and has served all the way from lance-corporal to his present rank in France, came over on the ship. Lieut. Williams hails from London, Ont., where he enlisted with the 18th battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal at the Somme, winning a bar to it at Vimy Ridge, and later was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal at Arras. He served as a company sergeant-major and as a regimental sergeant-major for some time, and altogether has seen varied and distinguished military service.

Major McCrimmon, A.D.S.T., local headquarters, and Lieut. Williams, both from London, Ont., had a hearty shakehands this morning soon after the boat docked. They are old friends.

St. John Nurse

Nursing Sister Ethel M. Delaney of Adelaide street, arrived home on the Scotian and is being warmly welcomed by her friends and relatives. Miss Delaney went overseas n June, 1918, and was on duty in the Duchess of Connaught hospital, No. 15 Canadian General at Tatlow, Eng. She enjoyed her sojourn and duties very much indeed, and among notable incidents during her stay at Tatlow was the Christmas day dinner tendered Premier Sir R. L. Borden in the hospital, at which the nurses sat down with the Canadian leader.

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MAY MEAN A TIE-UP OF CITY PAVING PLANS

Fisher Resolution for Payment by General Assessment Carried, But Two Oppose; That Would Prevent Bond Issue

A difference of opinion which came to a head at a special meeting of the city commissioners this morning may result in tieing up the street paving plans for the present. Commissioner Fisher introduced a resolution providing for the laying of pavements and curbstones by general assessment; the resolution carried, but with the mayor and Commissioner Bullock dissenting. If their opposition continues, the bond issue cannot be passed in council and the work will be held up. The mayor remarked that it would be better to delay work for a year than to abandon the principle of the local improvements act. All members of the council were present.

The mayor announced that the meeting had been called at the request of Mr. Fisher, who wished to secure a decision on his paving policy.

Mr. Fisher then presented a petition signed by property owners in Douglas avenue protesting against the application of the local improvements act, either to paving or curbing, and submitted a report and recommendations as follows:

"Regarding the paving of Prince William and several other business streets, which had been planned for this year, your commissioner begs leave to report that a serious obstacle has arisen. Some members of the council, it appears, are now not willing to proceed with this paving under the general taxation method of paying the interest and sinking funds on the bonds to be issued for the work as was intended when the council on January 21, by unanimous vote, ordered the preparation of plans and specifications and the calling for tenders from paving contractors. This paving cannot be undertaken without the unanimous consent of the council for the necessary bond issues.

"Your commissioner further reports that a petition signed by over eighty

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NEW POLICY FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CATTLE IS PROMISED

Fredericton, N. B. March 1—Hon. J. F. Tweeddale today announced that the livestock branch of his department and the dominion livestock branch had united upon a policy which will do more than any attempt of the past toward improving the breed of horned cattle in New Brunswick.

The dominion branch has arranged with the provincial department to organize breeders' associations, composed of not fewer than ten successful farmers resident in any one locality. Each association may adopt one of the breeds, Holstein, Ayrshire and Shorthorn for improvement in its particular district. Each association may make application through the provincial department, and on the recommendation of the latter, the dominion livestock branch will furnish a pure bred registered animal, delivered free of cost at the nearest railway station. The animal will be loaned on condition that it is to be used by the membership of the association, and that when it has stayed in the district long enough to be inbreeding, the dominion livestock branch will take it back and replace it with another.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale estimates that fifty bulls will be required in New Brunswick during the coming season under this arrangement.

IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mrs. Cecil Frazee, 30 Erin street, on Thursday in honor of her brother, Pte. Ernest Brown, who just returned from the front. Private Brown felt that he was warmly welcomed home as about fifty people gathered and also a pair of cuff buttons and a stickpin and a signet ring were presented to him, his sister officiating. The evening was spent in music and games. Private Brown played the violin while other music was also enjoyed. Refreshments were served and all returned to their homes after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

A few friends and relatives of Thos. Latham, jr., gathered together at his home, Prospect Point, last evening and spent a very enjoyable evening with games, music, etc. Mr. Duthright on behalf of those present presented to him a signet ring in honor of his return home after having served with the American army. Mr. Latham, although taken very much by surprise, made a very suitable response. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock, after which the party dispersed in time for the last car.

SAVING IT UP AGAIN

The Dominion Savings Bank officials report the deposits for the month of February as $77,613.92, and withdrawals, $60,842.29. A like condition existed in January showing that St. John's saving people have settled down again to banking their surplus after the bond flurries, etc.

MISS WARNER HOME NEXT WEEK WITH MANY HONORS WON

Miss Agnes Warner, daughter of the late General Warner of this city, and sister of Mrs. Charles Coster, Miss Warner and James R. Warner, and who conducted a voluntary hospital under French government supervision in the zone of strife during the war, will arrive in this, her native city, during the ensuing week, possibly by Wednesday or Thursday.

It is understood St. John will do honor to the intrepid little lady who at the outset of the struggle rushed off to France with an hospital equipment donated to the French army by a wealthy English lady. In a detached way, but quite in accord with general hospital schemes, Miss Warner worked night and day for her "beloved Poilus," assisted by an equally enthusiastic staff. She was not under any special Red Cross direction or auspices.

So now, filled with the satisfaction of having done her utmost to help the valorous French in defending their land and of contributing to a glorious victory, Miss Warner is journeying home via New York, where her French passports are being verified and so forth.

Perhaps no woman in the war has received more recognition from the French government than the St. John lady. She now wears the Medaille Bronze, Medaille Militaire and the greatly coveted Croix de Guerre, usually given for bravery under fire, and thereby indicating some of the dangers to which Miss Warner was exposed. It is further understood that the French consul-general of Canada has been queried by Paris as to the date of Miss Warner's arrival This probably suggests further honor from the appreciative and chivalrous French.

Miss Warner will be the guest of honor at a reception to be held by Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E. the latter part of next week or early in the week following, as a tribute to her work overseas.

ZIONIST CLAIM IS PRESENTED TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris, March 1—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sokolow, head of the Zionist delegation to the peace conference, said yesterday, referring to the appearance of the delegation before the peace conference, that the council of ten gave attentive hearing to the Zionist case, and that so far as he could judge the prospects were good for favorable action. He summed up the aspirations of the Jews as follows:—

"Recognition of the historic title of the Jewish people to Palestine and the right to reconstitute there their 'national home.'"

Dr. Sokolow said the Jewish delegation hold that Palestine should comprise the whole territory within the historic boundaries of the ancient land of Israel, with an outlet to the Red Sea as in the time of King Solomon. The delegation also asks that sovereign possession of Palestine be vested in the league of nations, with the duty to a mandatory power to prepare the country for the establishment of a Jewish national home, especially making possible the creation of an autonomous commonwealth.

DEATH OF W. RAE WILSON.

The death of W. Rae Wilson took place at his home in Yarmouth, N. S., this morning at the age of sixty-five. He had been ill for some time. Mr. Wilson was a traveler for the Corona Candy Company, and was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Wilson of Sheffield, N. B. Besides his wife he leaves one sister, Mrs. J. A. Draper, 25 Elliott row, who received the sad news of his death. He was very well known in St. John, and a large number of friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

Madrid, March 1—Martial law has been declared in Madrid and troops are patrolling the streets. Order has been restored, but some of the streets have been closed. This action was the result of rioting against profiteers.

Calls For Substantial Tariff Cut

Resolution in Manitoba Legislature; Action To Lead to Free Trade With Britain

Winnipeg, March 1—Captain A. W. Myles yesterday afternoon gave notice in the legislature that on Tuesday he will move that the federal government be asked to pass legislation at this session giving "an immediate and substantial all-round reduction of the customs tariff."

The resolution also asks for the reduction of the customs duty on goods imported from Great Britain to one half the rates charged under the general tariff on British imports that will ensure complete free trade between Great Britain and Canada in five years.

St. John May Be Home Of Big British Shipbuilders

CLEVER IRISH GIRLS HELPED SINN FEIN LEADER TO ESCAPE

Paris, Mar. 1—According to a story told by Sean O'Cealligh, Sinn Feiner, to the Associated Press, Edward de Valera was enabled to escape from Lincoln prison in England through the cleverness of two handsome and cultured Irish girls, who dressed as hop girls, crossed the Channel, went to Lincoln, flirted with the guards, enticed them away from the back gate and eventually enabled de Valera's friends to open the gate and whisk him away in an automobile.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Crosbie took place this morning from her late residence, 273 Main street, to St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father Cloran. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Four brothers were pallbearers and the funeral was attended by many friends. A large number of spiritual and floral tributes were received.

The funeral of Miss Evelyn McInerney took place this afternoon from her father's residence, Westmorland road, at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. F. E. Boothroyd and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Helen Gertrude Nichols, eleven-year-old child of Mrs. Alice Nichols, took place from her mother's residence, 54 King street, West End, this afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Joshua Beaman took place this afternoon from her late residence at the corner of Brook and Ann streets. Service was conducted by Adjutant Best of the Salvation Army and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

MRS. REBECCA CAMPBELL.

The death of Mrs. Rebecca Campbell, wife of the late William Campbell, took place today at the residence of her son Charles H. Campbell, 27 Union street, West End, at the age of ninety years. She leaves six sons—James, John, Robert, George, Frederick and Charles, all of West St. John. Mrs. Campbell was very well known throughout St. John and was held in high esteem by all. A large number of friends extend their sympathy to the family in their recent bereavement. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 from her son's residence.

SPEEDY WORK.

Members of the reception committee appointed for the purpose of welcoming soldiers as they arrive on the transports, spoke very highly today of the promptness of the officers in charge of the dispersing station. It was only a short time this morning after the S.S. Scotian arrived before all the men were paraded on the upper deck, and the ladies were able to distribute cigarettes and different articles to the men, who appreciated the welcome very much. Great credit is due Colonel Spittall and Major Smith for the way in which the clearing was handled.

DEATHS IN WEEK.

Several persons were claimed by pneumonia this past week, but there were no deaths from influenza. The total number of deaths for the week is twenty-five, exceeding the total of the previous week by four. The causes of death were: Pneumonia, five; broncho pneumonia, five; senility, three; heart disease, three; tuberculosis, two; accidental drowning, two; myrocardis, chronic nephitis, cantwo; myocardis, heart failure, angina pectoris, acute endocarditis, chronic nephitis, cancer of stomach, nervous exhaustion, malignant disease of lung, ovarian cyst, one each.

AT WAYSIDE INN.

A dance was given last evening in the Wayside Inn at Hampton by a large number of young people. A programme of modern dances was arranged. Dainty refreshments were served.

SCHOONER REPORTED.

The schooner J. Frank Seavey arrived yesterday at Cienfuegos, south side of Cuba, from Pascagoula. Captain King is in command.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was approaching the lake region yesterday from the southwest is now centred over northern Ontario, and rain has occurred in southern and eastern Ontario and snow in the north. Sleet and rain have also occurred in Quebec. The weather continues very cold in the west.

Rain, Then Fair.

Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales, from east and southeast, rain before night in most places; Sunday, strong southwest winds, local rains at first, then fair.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds and gales from east and south with snow, clearing by Sunday.

S. E. Elkin, M. P., Brings Home Cheering Word

REPRESENTATIVES HERE SOON

Coming in Few Weeks to Make Study of Possibilities Here—City Member Gives Views on Phases of Situation in Europe and Future of Canada

Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., for St. John, who arrived home today on the S. S. Scotian, was looking in the best of health after his journey abroad. He was heartily greeted home. He made one very interesting announcement for St. John.

"During my stay in Paris after the Peace Conference was under way, the impression created was that all the outstanding features under dispute would be amicably settled, but that three or four months time would be necessary to smooth away the difficulties—these difficulties being created by the smaller nations, not being represented to any extent, continually making calls for such representation. The spirit of union, however, displayed by the larger powers precluded any possibility of ultimate disagreement.

"The organization of the Peace Conference is marvelous in its system, more particularly in its method of handling the minor articles of the peace terms by means of committees. The whole conference is stupendous, as for instance the big racing course at Autuiel has practically been turned over as an immense printing bureau, established by the British for the conference and was in operation within a week after the conference opened. As an evidence of speed it took more than 140 motor lorries to move the first consignment of printing presses from the coast to Auteuil. The agenda of the conference printed at this bureau and handed to the delegates and secretaries upon the following for checking upon the conference.

Sir Robert Borden

"It was my privilege while in Paris to meet the Canadian delegates and to be of some service in connection with commercial matters. No criticism should be forthcoming from Canadians as to the absence of Sir Robert and his colleagues from this country at the present time. The work they are doing for Canada at the moment is paramount to any other consideration and they are working under enormous handicaps, and it is of interest to note that the Canadian delegation is the outstanding feature next to the big five Entente Powers. I regret that it is impossible to give details of some of the important questions that the Canadians have had the privilege of deciding.

"During my absence I noticed press despatches both from home and abroad regarding the possibility of a further outbreak of hostilites. This feeling is not shared to any extent by those officially in touch with the situation. It was my privilege to discuss this phase of the situation with one of the most prominent business and financial men of Holland who had just returned from Germany after a visit in connection with investments made there previous to the war. In his opinion Germany has become so demoralized that what was once a wonderful military and commercial nation is now conditions of which the press seems to to recover. As an illustration of Germany's commercial situation, nearly 80 per cent. of her exports were steel. At the present moment 60 per cent of her steel industries are in the hands of France and will remain so, so that France is to be reckoned with as one of the largest, if not the largest, steel producing country of the future.

Labor

"You are naturally interested in labor conditions of which the press seems to have been receiving many reports of late. This labor unrest in England is not of a vindictive nature. It might be better understood by using the term that labor is "fed up" with work and high wages. In most instances men have returned to work after a short period of idleness satisfied with their holiday. Two important features of the labor situation are: The men's demands have been unreasonable, inspired by the extreme minority and without the sanction of the governing bodies; and the further fact that the moral support of the public generally has been firmly behind the employers.

"This power of the minority to force strikes over the heads of the governing bodies has, however, created a feeling of unrest and uncertainty in the minds of the employers as to the future, as instanced by Harrow's Ltd. of the Clyde who employ some 3000 men, moving two-thirds of their plant to British Columbia.

Big Ship-Building Plant for Here

"It is very largely due to this labor unrest that we have been able to secure the promise of one of the largest shipbuilding concerns in England to come to St. John. Its chief concern was the stability of labor conditions in Canada of which I was happily able to assure them. They will conduct a personal investigation into this and other details during the course of the next few weeks. Until these are completed the name of the company must

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PANTRY SALE.

The Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., held a pantry sale today in W. Pedersen's, Ltd., Market building. The proceeds are for the rest room in the tuberculosis hospital, East St. John. The sale was in charge of Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. G. Wetmore Merritt, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. Shirley Peters, Mrs. Ernest Bowman and Mrs. Fielding Rankine. A large assortment of tempting dainties were on sale.