

Contracts Let For First Wooden Ships

Construction of 3,000 Ton Auxiliary Craft by Grant & Horne at Courtenay Bay to Mark Revival of Industry Which Once Made St. John Famous

A telegram was received last night by H. C. Schofield, representing the Imperial Munitions Board, from Colonel W. I. Gear, director of shipbuilding for the board, confirming the contract to Grant & Horne to build wooden ships at their new yard in Erin street. The ships will be built by Grant & Horne, fitted with engines, which will be supplied by the munitions board from standard patterns. They are to be 250 feet long with 43½ feet beam and will have 25 feet depth of hold. The speed will be about 9½ knots per hour, and the boats will have a cargo capacity of practically 3,000 tons.

The delay in awarding the contract was in connection with the technical parts of the arrangements, such as determining the size of the timbers. The plans also had to be approved and registered by the Lloyd's registry of shipping. The work will start immediately and a start on the yards was made yesterday. The contract will give employment to 200 men and the ships are to be built on the same ways; one will be finished and launched before the other one is commenced. The material, however, will be assembled for them both at the same time.

It is expected that this will mean the re-establishment of the shipping industry in St. John, and while the war continues there will be further contracts awarded continually.

Grant & Horne, who have entered into the present contract with the director of shipping, have leased a yard near the Peters' tannery, on Courtenay Bay. They are a young firm, and while they have not had much experience as builders of ships, they have made good in their other undertakings and will doubtless succeed in this venture. The firm built McAvity's new plant on the Marsh road and were connected with the work on the sugar refinery. Mr. Grant has had some experience in contracting in the Old Country, and has built, among others, the Algonquin hotel at St. Andrews. Much credit is due the firm for the energy they have shown in the present contract. They are members of the board of trade and have had the active support of the board in their present enterprise.

As the commencement of this work will mark a very important epoch in the industrial history of the city, it is probable that the board of trade or city council will take some steps to fittingly recognize it.

Talk of Grave Danger to Country

Ottawa, June 28.—Further serious warning to the government of the grave danger to which it is exposing the country by the precipitate forcing through of the conscription bill, without regard to national economic conditions, and without first ascertaining whether the people were ready for conscription, was given in parliament tonight. Alphonse Verville, of Maisonneuve, a former president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in a strong speech, declared that autocracy in Canada was becoming a real menace and that labor believed it was being exploited for the benefit of the vested interests who were behind the government.

"I tell you what compulsion means if the people are not consulted. It means a general strike," he declared. "I want parliament to understand that even if all labor were exempted they would not change their determination in this question. Organized labor has been ignored since the war commenced." Mederic Martin, M. P. for Kings, also spoke against the bill. He said the bill is also a move of Montreal, Quebec. "You may pass this law but you can never enforce it. The workers are too intelligent for that. We have a government that is not responsible and has no right to legislate. Next week we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation. Be careful that you do not bring about the demise of Confederation. If you pass this bill you are deliberately provoking the people and may enter the realm of civil war."

Mr. Martin noted that the government of rich men without sons would naturally try to impose conscription on Canada.

During the course of a thoughtful and logical speech at the afternoon sitting A. B. McCoig, Liberal member for West Kent, suggested a further trial of the voluntary system on the understanding that each military district which raised by voluntary recruiting, the required number of recruits proportionate to its population should be accorded the honor of exemption from the operation of any conscription measure.

Division on the second reading is now expected by Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

G.W. Ganong New Must Save Food Lieut. Governor To Win The War

Prominent Manufacturer of Saint Stephen Succeeds Hon. Josiah Wood—George W. Fowler to Fill Senate Vacancy

Ottawa, June 28.—Gilbert W. Ganong has been selected by the government to succeed Hon. Josiah Wood as lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick and Lieut.-Col. George W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings (Albert), has been appointed to the senate to fill the vacancy in the representation from New Brunswick there.

Lieut.-Governor Ganong is a former member of the house of commons. He was elected to represent Charlotte (N. B.), in 1900 and was re-elected in 1904. He was defeated at the general election in 1908. Mr. Ganong resides at St. Stephen (N. B.) and is member of the confectionery manufacturing firm of Ganong Bros.

Lieut.-Colonel Fowler has sat in the house of commons during three parliaments. He was first elected as member for Kings county in 1900. He became the representative of Kings-Albert in 1904, was defeated in 1908 and returned to the house in 1911. Colonel Fowler has, since the outbreak of war, raised a battalion for active service in record time and taken it overseas. He is still in England in command of one of the Canadian reserve battalions there.

In becoming a member of the senate he succeeds the late George T. Baird, of Perth (N. B.), who represented the senatorial district of the upper St. John. The appointment of Colonel Fowler makes the representation of the two great parties in the upper house equal—39 Conservatives and 39 Liberals. There are still nine vacancies in the senate, three in Quebec, one in Manitoba and five in Ontario. The filling of these would thus give the government a majority of nine in the senate.

EIGHT MORE MURDERED.

London, June 28.—The Elder-Dempster steamer Adlab was torpedoed without warning and sunk by a German submarine on June 15. The submarine fired on the captain's boat killing eight men.

LABOR FEDERATION WILL NOT JOIN PEACE CONFERENCE.

Washington, June 28.—The American Federation of Labor has declined to participate in the international conference of trades unions called by the recent Stockholm conference to meet September 17 in Switzerland. President Gompers has telegraphed to President Lindquist, of the Stockholm conference, that the American Federation "regards all such conferences as premature and untimely, and can lead to no good purpose."

Ottawa, June 28.—In a statement issued tonight, Hon. W. J. Hanna, the newly appointed food controller, reviews the food situation in Canada, emphasizing the need of the Allies, urges economy and the prevention of waste in food and bespeaks whole-hearted public co-operation.

"Food conservation is essential to win the war," the controller concludes. "Time and investigation will be required to determine the best means of assuring adequate rations for the Canadian divisions and the allied nations and armies. But there are some measures that are so obviously right that we ask that they be adopted at once and that the men and women of the dominion pledge themselves to their observance. They include:

"Maximum production.
"The largest possible consumption of perishable food-stuffs in order to liberate the storable foods for transportation.
"The adoption of war menus.
"The prevention of food waste.
"The utilization and creation of organized volunteer bodies to assist the food controller in increasing and conserving the food supplies.

"Food is being wasted in the stores, hotels, restaurants, clubs and homes of the dominion. It is the duty of every citizen dealing in or preparing and serving food to adopt measures which will eliminate waste entirely.

"The adoption of war menus is a national duty, if the country is to do its share in the provision of food essential to the successful prosecution of the war. There must be immediately voluntary action to curtail table excesses. The soldier lives simply. He is not given a choice of many dishes and delicacies.

Will Stand Trial On Murder Charge

Woodstock, N. B., June 28.—The preliminary examination of William Glenn, charged with the murder of Harry Wiley, was held this afternoon at 2

o'clock before Police Magistrate A. D. Holyoke. Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., appeared for the crown, and Charles Comben for the prisoner. The police court was crowded with interested spectators, including a large number from the vicinity of the home of the two men. Glenn sat through the proceedings with his eyes lowered and listened to the evidence impassively.

The Story of the Tragedy.

Frank Wiley, the brother of the murdered man, was the first witness called. He swore that on Saturday last he and his brother set out from his father's house at Divide, in the parish of Aberdeen, with a roller. His brother was driving the roller in a field which adjoined that owned by Glenn. The witness had nailed on some boards which had fallen off a board fence between the two places. About 8 or 9 o'clock in

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the morning Glenn came up to the fence with a rifle in one hand and an axe in the other and began to knock off the boards which had been nailed on.

The witness was on the roller with his brother at the time and they drove over to the fence. They drove up to about a rod from Glenn, and stopped the horses. The deceased asked Glenn why he was knocking the boards off the fence. Glenn asked him if he had put the boards on.

He said that he had. Upon this Glenn raised his gun and fired, the bullet striking Wiley in the left breast and passing through his body and coming out just below the shoulder blade on the left side of the back. Wiley dropped instantly. His brother caught him and supported him to the ground. He saw Glenn reload the rifle, and after a minute he left and went to his house. The witness thereupon drove back to his father's house and got a light team and he, with his

father, drove back and brought the body to the house.

The witness swore that so far as he knew there had never been any difficulty about the fence.

Edward Wiley, the father of the murdered man, was the second witness.

Dr. Commins testified to attending at the Wiley house and examining the wounds. A. R. Foster, the sheriff, testified to going to the Glenn house and making the arrest, after Glenn's brother had persuaded him to give up the rifle. He produced the rifle and a considerable quantity of ammunition found in the house. Other witnesses examined were William Love, Malcolm McKenzie, Guy Welch and James Miller, who gave evidence as to the nature of the wounds.

No evidence was offered on behalf of the accused and he was committed for trial at the circuit court which is held

and the walks and vicinity of the King square were crowded when the first concert was given by the City Cornet Band.

The beautiful weather of last evening made it a most auspicious occasion for the opening of the band concert season.

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