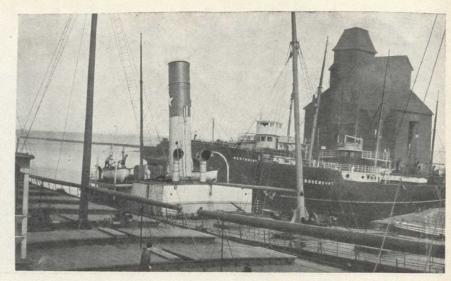
THE BOATS IN THE GEORGIAN BAY HARBOURS ARE IN COMMISSION AGAIN





Steel Freighters, Passenger Steamers and Fishing Tugs in the Harbour at Collingwood.

ANOTHER VIEW OF CIVIL SERVICE

IN Canada, there is a general opinion that the Civil Service of Great Britain is more efficient and better managed than that of Canada. It is on a more independent basis, being controlled by a Civil Service Commission established in 1855. At first only the junior situations were so controlled but in 1870, the system of competitive examination was extended throughout the Service. This Commission conducts all the examinations of candidates either for entrance or promotion. It costs about \$200,000 a year. There are two commissioners who get a salary of \$7,500 each, a secretary and registrar and an assistant secretary, two senior clerks, a senior examiner and a staff officer.

The chief difficulty in Great Britain seems to be

that the Civil Service is so large that it has a political influence which tends to unduly increase salaries. If a member of Parliament refuses to support a bill in which the Civil Service is interested, he is likely to become a "marked" man, and to find the Service working against his re-election.

An English correspondent sends an interesting letter. He quotes the following paragraph from the "Daily Mail" of London:

"CIVIL SERVICE EFFICIENCY.

"A Civil Servant should not feel under any obligation to anyone for his 'berth,' but should rather feel, like the Volunteer in the Army, that he is conferring a favour upon his country by devoting himself to its service. There should be no 'fat'

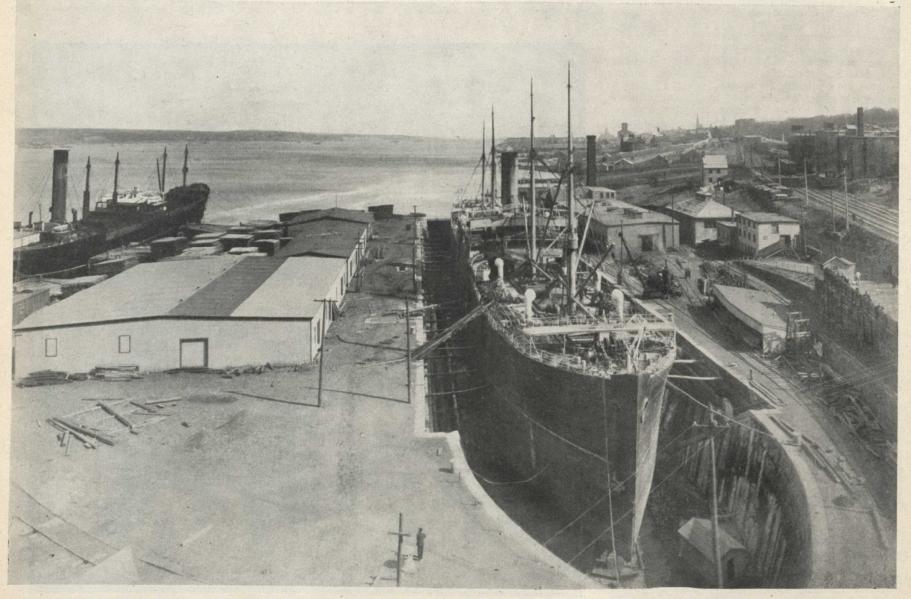
positions.—Canadian 'Courier,' Toronto, Canada."
And comments thus:

"London, April 15th, 1908.

"Dear Sir:—My answer to the above clipped from the 'Daily Mail' of to-day's date is—He does not. In fact he presumes too much on the position he holds. He is a public servant and an un-civil one and obtains his salary from his fellow brethren, who have to pay taxes to keep him in the service in which he is employed. If you want good samples of the creed you are endeavouring to preach come over to England and do business with His Majesty's Customs or General Post Office officials and then perhaps you will whine the opposite way, or perhaps it may be you are jealous because you are not one of them. No, there should be no fat positions.

"Yours faithfully,
"Experientia Docet."

SAVED FROM THE SEA AS IF BY A MIRACLE



That the Mount Temple should lie bumping on the rocks off the Southern coast of Nova Scotia, then be floated with the aid of Tugs and compressed air, and finally sail under her own steam to Halifax, is one of the greatest of wonders. Yet here lies the good ship, safely ensconced in the Dry Dock at Halifax, where all ship ailments are promptly treated.