

**ONLY TWO ROUTES
MADE PROFITS FOR
GOVERNMENT SHIPS**

Canadian Government Merchant Marine Had Operating Loss of \$900,044.

(Special to Montreal Gazette.)
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Canadian Government Merchant Marine has a big deficit this year. When Mr. Ballantyne delivered his marine budget last spring he figured out that for the year 1920 the fleet had earned 2.85 per cent. on the cost

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of the ships, but his critics complained that he reached this profit by such methods as allowing only two per cent. for depreciation, when the normal figure is five per cent. and that if the ships had been operated by a private firm and proper account kept, this result would have been a heavy loss.

This year there is no attempt to show profit. Information now available shows that there is an actual operating loss of \$1,761,844 for the calendar year ended December, 1921, while the actual amount the country is set back for the privilege of owning a merchant marine of its own is between eight and nine millions. The gross operating revenue for the year was \$10,916,248, and the gross operating expense \$11,816,292, or a deficit of \$900,044, to which must be added overhead charges, wharfage, etc., amounting to \$861,800, making the total deficit as given above.

Taking the actual investment, however, and making allowance for interest and depreciation, the loss is very much larger. The total investment in the ships at present is over seventy millions, and assuming that last year it was around \$68,000,000, interest at 5% per cent. and depreciation at five per cent. on that sum amounts to \$6,525,000, which, added to the deficit announced on operation, gives a total loss of \$8,086,000. So far as the actual value today of the ships is concerned, it may be noted that a few days ago Robert Dollar, the shipping man who conducts a line of steamers out of Vancouver, bought three ships from the United States Shipping Board. Their original cost was \$200 a ton. He paid about \$30 a ton.

Two Routes Paid.
Apparently the government ships made a loss on every route except two. On nine voyages on the Australian route they made a profit of \$201,190, and on three voyages on the Indian route a profit of \$31,642. The loss on the passenger service to the West Indies, conducted by the Canadian Flisler and Canadian Forester, which have accommodation for thirty passengers each and carry freight as well, was \$286,300. The government also subsidizes the Royal Mail line on this route to the extent of \$100,000 a year.

Figures on all the routes quoted, with the exception of those on the West India freight and passenger service, and including the Australian and Indian routes which showed a profit are for the eleven months, including November. For that period, on the line to the United Kingdom, there was a loss of \$202,112 on forty-four voyages. On the six voyages to South America there was a loss of \$189,205; on fifteen voyages to European ports a loss of \$188,000; on the British Columbia-California route a loss of \$61,778.

The loss on the entire West Indies service, including the freight ships and the combined freight and passenger, was \$241,945. On certain years additional losses ranging as high as \$21,000, and if it had not been for the passenger service attempted, the West India operations might have come out on the right side, always remembering that interest and depreciation must be provided for.

RECENT DEATHS

Harold G. Pitt.
The death of Harold G. Pitt occurred early this morning at the residence of W. H. Dunham, 15 Albert street, the late Mr. Pitt's father-in-law. He leaves besides his wife, formerly Miss Greta Dunham, a two-year old son, George G., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitt. He resided at Fairville Plateau and was for several years second officer on the steamer Empress.

Mrs. Robert Crawford, aged seventy-two years, died at her home in Sussex yesterday afternoon. Her husband died on Wednesday morning. They are survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Snyder of Edmonton and Mrs. Graves, at home; one son G. C. Crawford of East Orange. Dr. G. R. J. Crawford and William Crawford of this city, are brothers and Miss Mary Crawford of St. John is a sister.

**If Your Trouble
Is Scrofula**

As Often Acquired as Inherited.
You have eruptions and sores, and perhaps enlarged glands of the neck. This blood disease affects the internal organs, especially the lungs, and if neglected may develop into consumption. It causes many troubles, and is aggravated by impure air, unwholesome food, bad water, too much heat or cold, and want of proper exercise. Hood's Serravallo's Blood-purifying medicine that has been used with so much satisfaction by three generations, is wonderfully successful in the treatment of scrofula. Give it a trial. If a cathartic or laxative is needed, take Hood's Pills.

PUPILS ENJOY DRIVE

The pupils of the Glen Falls School accompanied by their teachers, Miss Nina McKell, and Miss Hilda Gallagher, enjoyed a sleigh drive to Torryburn on the afternoon of Feb. 18. On the return of the party a valentine tea was served in the school rooms. Hot coffee and cocoa were kindly supplied by Mrs. Buckle and Mrs. Cuthberts. At the close three cheers were given Mr. Whalen, Mr. Shortliffe and Mr. Stevens, who had so kindly given their time and teams for the entertainment of the school.

ABOUT BEANS

For good rich baked beans use plenty of clear fat pork and always take in the OLD FASHIONED SEAN POT made by The FOLEY POTTERY, LTD., St. John, N. B.
When a Bean Pot is cold it should not be placed immediately on the hot test part of the stove. It is better to put it first on the shelf at the back and to move it forward a little at a time as it heats.
Baking the beans in the oven gives the pot a better chance, as in that case the sides are heated as well as the bottom.

**WEEK-END
SPECIALS**

Consisting of odd lots and broken sizes left in our stocks and the prices have been reduced to cost or lower—to avoid carrying over to next fall.

- Women's 10-Button Gaiters—small sizes.....\$1.38
- Men's Brown Laced Boots, all sizes.....\$4.65
- Women's Patent Button Boots—small sizes.....\$1.95
- Girls' Boots, broken lines, sizes 11 to 2.....\$2.95
- Women's Oxfords, Half Louis Heels.....\$4.85
- Infants' Boots in sizes 2, 3, 4, 5.....\$1.20

Something Special at King Street Store
MEN, a Black SCOTCH Grain Brogue.....\$9.00

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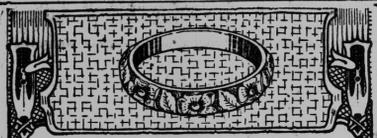


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WEDDING Rings, like other jewelry, are changing in style. While the narrow plain band of pure gold is still the mainstay many are now using the carved designs and platinum effects of newer design. Diamond Set Rings are also in vogue.

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Come in and see them on Saturday!

**New Spring
Ties
They're Great
Value**

Made from soft silk weaves in some particularly nice patterns and color effects. The sort of ties that make a good ruff knot and stay properly placed. Every man should be the possessor of a lot of such ties as these. The price is very reasonable.

**Only \$1.00
Each**

(Men's furnishings department, ground floor.)

**Spring Arrivals in
Cloth Dresses
Offer Welcome Diversion**

Pre-eminent among the new spring arrivals are the smart dresses of serge, tricotine and poret twill. These are very skillfully designed on newest lines, especially emphasizing the youthful chemise effect.

Sleeves vary greatly in style, the flaring mode with lower part of contrasting material and color is among the most noticeable and is highly approved by clever dressers.

For trimmings, lavish use of embroidery, braids, buttons, nail-head beads, metal rings, chain girdles, vestees and pipings of bright or light color are in great evidence and unmistakable popularity.

Delightful surprises are in store for those who are contemplating a new frock of this character in the near future.



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**Annual February Sale
of Notions
In Full Swing on Saturday
Sale Of Notions**

Large quantity purchases brings all those little things used in household at great saving in price during this sale. You can buy two articles for almost the price of one.

- Invisible Hairpins. Black or bronze. Sale 7c a box
- Six boxes for 39c
- Invisible Elastic Hair Nets. All colors. Sale 3 for 15c
- 28c for half dozen.
- Best Japan Hairpins. Assorted sizes. Sale 14c a box
- Three boxes for 39c
- Strong Boot Laces. Black only; 36 in. Sale 3 pairs for 15c
- All Wool Mending Skeins. Black, heather, natural, grey or brown. Sale 3 skeins for 14c
- 27c for half dozen
- Orkney Safety Pins. Guarded coil; assorted sizes. Sale 3 cards 19c
- Six cards 35c
- Hose Supporters. Women's or children's. Black or white. Sale 15c a Pr
- Fine Pearl Buttons. Two or four holes. Sale 10c a card
- Blocked India Tape. All sizes. White or black. Sale 3 for 14c
- Orkney Dress Fasteners. White or black. All sizes. Sale 3 doz 12c
- Black Head Toilet Pins. Good quality. Sale, 2 cards for 9c
- Nail Brushes. Nicely finished. Sale 10c each
- Curling Irons. Wood handles; large size Sale 20c each

A large quantity of "Victoria" pins bought especially for this sale; 240 pins in sheet Sale 2 sheets for 9c

200 Heavy Brass Pins in sheet. Sale 7c a sheet

Buy your season's supply now and make quite a saving.

- Saturday Extras in Hosiery**
- Ladies' Heather Hose in green, brown, grey and fawn mixtures. All sizes. Special Prices 87c, \$1.38, \$1.49
- Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose. All sizes Special 98c
- Ladies' Ribbed Black Hose, in all sizes Special 79c

- For the House**
- Scrims and Madras for Saturday.
- Double Border Curtain Scrim, in Ivory only Special 5 yards for 87c
- White and Ecru Scotch Madras, 38 in. Extra good quality. Reg. 55c. Special 49c

- Glove Department Offers
These For Saturday**
- Ladies' Cape Kid Gloves, in tan and browns. All sizes. Special \$1.39
- Washable Fleece Lined Lisle Gloves, in white only. All sizes. Special 39c
- Ladies' "Fabric Doe Skin" Gloves, in tan, brown, mode, grey, beige. All sizes Special 98c

- Household Staples on
Saturday**
- Longcloth, 36 inch; fine quality. 5 yards for \$1.00
- Hemstitched Pillow Slips, 40, 42 and 44 inch Special 45c
- Fine Bleached Cotton Sheets, Sizes 2x2 1-2 Special \$1.39

- Extra Fine Sport Flannel
Special Saturday**
- Fine French All Wool Sport Flannel, in brown, Paddy, rose, cardinal, scarlet, navy; 29 inches wide. \$1.25 value Special 98c

- Dresses**
- New Arrivals, Very Special, Shown Saturday
- Canton Crepe Dresses, in number of new styles, exceptional at their price. Various effects of trimming, bugle beads; embroidery or pipings. Navy, black, brown \$29.75 each
- Smart Youthful Taffeta Frocks Just Out of Their Boxes.
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