

A PECULIAR STEAMSHIP.

One of the most peculiar craft that has ever visited Montreal is now at that port. The steamship is called the Turret, and is built to combine the greatest carrying capacity with the lightest possible draft and the lightest expense in running. The Turret came from Sydney with a cargo of coal for the Dominion Coal Company, and it is in the coal trade between Montreal and the lower ports that she will run. The Turret deck type of vessel is an entirely new type. The shell rounds off upwards and inwards, terminating in an upright turret running from stern to stern of the vessel. The curved plating is thick and strong, and is the same as that of the hull right up to the turret deck. The turret deck itself is about a third the width of the vessel, and forms the working deck, upon which are fitted the hatches winches, bridge and other deck erections. The engines are aft leaving a clear hold from the engine room bulkheads to the forepeak. There is a short mast forward with a military top for outlook purposes. The stem and forecastle deck are after the usual fashion. The turret deck standing at height of 11 feet to 12 feet above the water line, gives greater seaboard, and being narrow, greater stability than the ordinary type, while it serves as a permanent feeder for grain cargoes. The general contour of the hull, with the engines aft, affords the largest possible carrying space, and a single continuous hold, free from obstruction, with a large hatchway, permits of easy towing, and rapid handling of cargo. The Turret was launched last November, and since that time has weathered a severe storm on the Atlantic with perfect ease, has traded on the American seaboard for several months, and her first balance shows that she has earned sufficient to pay a return at the rate of 23 per cent. per annum. The Turret carries 3,200 tons dead weight on a net register of 1,265 tons and a draught of 18 feet. Her measurement capacity was 157,500 cubic feet, which is equal to a cubical capacity of 125 feet net register ton. She is owned by Messrs. Peterson, Tate & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was built and launched from the yard of Messrs. W. Doxford & Sons, Sunderland, the patentees of the turret deck. Another steamship of the same type, called the Turret Age, has also been launched, and will shortly make her trial trip. The Turret Age, in general design and appearance closely resembles her sister ship the Turret, but is built on finer lines, has more powerful engines, and will probably steam at a higher rate of speed. The Turret Age will carry 3,650 tons dead weight, or a net of 1,362 tons, so that she carries nearly 20 per cent. more dead weight than the ordinary type of the net register tonnage.

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work was to vessels passing through Suez Canal. Formerly the passage could only be made in daylight, and was very tedious and costly; now the electric light is at the service of every ship as it enters the canal, and the journey is, in nearly every case, pursued uninterruptedly. A most excellent innovation has been made by Suez Canal authorities, who have pronounced that it shall be obligatory on all vessels passing through the canal by light to employ an apparatus for dividing the light of the projector into two divergent rays. Approaching vessels may, by this means, travel right up to each other without their respective helmsmen being blinded. The diverging apparatus which is to be used has been devised by one of the agents of the company.

WHAT RETAILERS ARE SHOWING.

Double length-Japanese silk scarfs with deeply hemmed borders; black ostrich boas tipped with white and black silk capes embroidered and trimmed in white. Ladies' red and black and white four-in-hands reaching to the belt; black silk muslin collarettes edged with narrow white lace or triple rows of white satin ribbon.

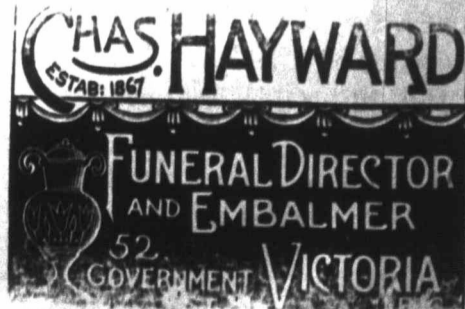
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