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Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine, Presents a Statement to the House of Commons—Cost of Operating was High Throughout the Year — Surplus Earnings Set Down at Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Ottawa, March 29—The gross revenue from closed voyages of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine fleet during the year 1920 was \$10,027,442.77 and operating expenses \$8,733,917.22, leaving an operating profit on closed voyages during the year of \$1,293,525.55. This was the statement made to the house this afternoon, by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, in his account of the year's operations of the government-owned steamers.

From the operating profit there was to be deducted \$695,065.46 for depreciation. Liabilities and incorporation expenses, leaving the net earnings on closed voyages \$598,460.09. To this was added \$183,000 net earnings on closed voyages \$598,460.09. To this was added \$183,000 net earnings on voyages closed since January applicable to 1920, bringing the total net earnings of the steamships to \$781,460.09.

This amount, Mr. Ballantyne said, was equal to 2.35 per cent interest in notes given to the government for the full cost of the ships. The year 1920 the minister stated, had proven unsatisfactory to shipping interests all over the world. There was a surplus of tonnage. At the commencement of the war the world tonnage was about forty-nine million tons. At present the available world tonnage was about 65,000,000 tons.

Shipowners' Difficulties.

The costs of operation which had reached abnormally high proportions during the war continued throughout the year, and this fact, with a substantial decline in freight rates, added materially to shipowners' difficulties. There had been a severe decline in freight rates from United Kingdom ports over well defined routes. The decline in transatlantic rates to United Kingdom ports was very substantial. On cargoes from Canadian ports to South American ports decreases average from 17½ to 50 per cent. On cargoes to India the rate had declined 20 per cent. From British Columbia ports to Australia, the reduction had been from 15 per cent to 35 per cent.

Canadian shipping companies had faced the problem of smaller cargo offerings, while contending with the highest operating costs ever known.

When he made his statement in connection with the shipbuilding programme to the house last session, Mr. Ballantyne said, there were twenty-four vessels in commission. Since that time twenty-three additional vessels, with an approximate deadweight tonnage of 131,000 tons, had been com-

pleted, and commissioned. The deadweight tonnage of the forty-seven vessels now in commission was 259,733 tons. There remained to be completed two ships of 10,500 tons each, nine of 8,300 tons and five from 3,500 to 3,900 tons each. The entire programme when completed would comprise sixty-three ships of an approximate deadweight tonnage of 374,254 tons. Seven of these vessels were being equipped with oil fuel installation and thirteen would be provided with refrigeration spaces.

Comparing the cost of construction in Canada and the United States, Mr. Ballantyne said the average cost of building all vessels under the government shipbuilding programme was \$191.95 per deadweight ton. The cost of ships constructed by the United States shipping board was officially stated to be \$215 per deadweight ton. There was a total of 1,674 officers and men employed, of whom 868 were Canadians by birth or adoption and 806 British.

The balance sheet of the merchant marine and subsidiary companies as at December 31, 1920, showed fixed assets of \$49,243,604.70. Current assets were \$3,535,653.97, including \$500,000 of Victory loan 1934. Deferred charges, unexpired insurance, were \$908,390.73. Total assets \$53,687,649.40. There was a surplus over liabilities of \$1,004,233.01.

BAD WASHOUT
ON THE UPPER
ST. JOHN RIVER

Edmundston, March 29—The ice in the St. John river has been running since Sunday morning and owing to the ice holding solidly at St. Basile, five miles below the water has risen twenty feet above summer level. The ferry cable and telephone cable were carried away by the force of ice this evening. The residence of Emile Berube, near the ferry landing is more than half submerged and the ice has forced it from its concrete foundation so that it stands with the up-river end elevated about six feet. The large ice house of W. Saindon is about half under water, the ice having done considerable damage to the building. Mr. Saindon has a new seven-passenger car stored in one end of the ice house and frantic efforts were being made by men working on the jammed ice to get the car out before the entire end of the building gives way.

The Fraser Company's hydro-electric power plant was obliged to close down as the water in the St. John river had risen to almost the level of the head water in the Madawaska river, thus stopping its turbines. Stores and warehouses in the vicinity of the C. P. R. station in Victoria street will suffer if the water rises another four feet, as it is backing up through a small brook which empties into the St. John. The C. N. R. spur to Fraser's yard is now several feet under water at various points in this vicinity. The thermometer registered five below last night and the weather remains very cold.

The ice in the St. John at Edmundston started to move at 9 o'clock Easter morning and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon the river was clear except for floating ice. The water rose rapidly and several small houses in the vicinity of the ferry landing were in imminent danger and household effects, etc., were removed to safety on scows.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Gordon E. McKay of Sussex is in the city visiting her mother Mrs. Wesley VanWart, Lansdowne street. Miss Harriet VanWart has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in St. John and Sussex.

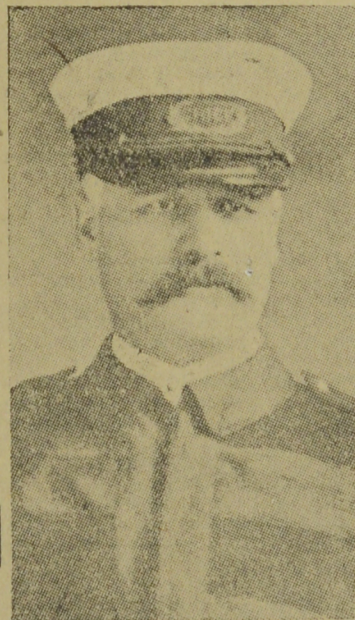
The Hon. C. J. Osman of Hillsboro is in the city.

Miss Grace Gibson is confined to her home by illness.

Alexander Boyd is very ill at his home on George street.

Mathew Lodge of Moncton is in the city.

Colonel Wetmore of Halifax is in the city.



GEORGE R. RIDEOUT

signed recently. There were thirty local applicants for the position, and the issue promises to provide a hot civic fight when the actual appointment comes up in two weeks' time.

Sovietism doesn't seem to provide anything for the Russians except compulsory playgoing. It will not be remarkable if being forced to sit through a poor show on an empty stomach leads the people to revolt.

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1921

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