

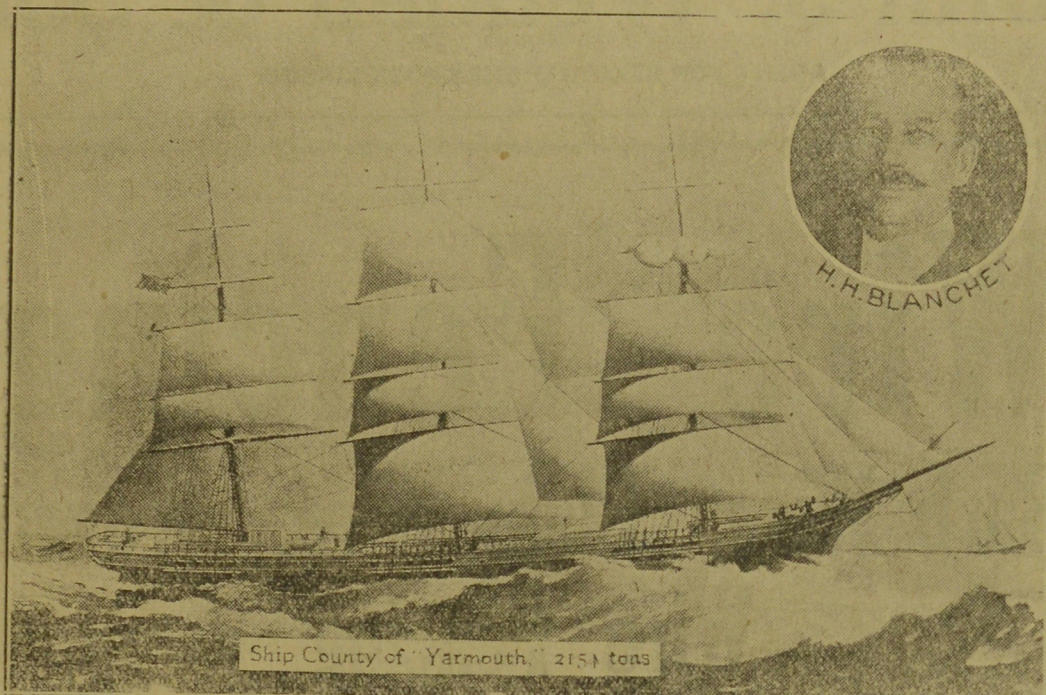
Would Encourage the Building of Wooden Ships

Mr. H. H. Blanchet Gives His Views on an Important Subject--Thinks the Federal Government Should Grant a Cash Bonus of Twenty Dollars a Ton--Hopes the Legislature will Thresh out the Question At the Approaching Session.

Mr. H. H. Blanchet, of Toronto, is in the city today on a business trip. In a recent despatch from Ottawa it was stated that the government is preparing a programme for the building of

the building of modern ships. He pointed out that while we have no steel in Canada, there is an ample supply of lumber easily available. He said that he had lately consulted ship-

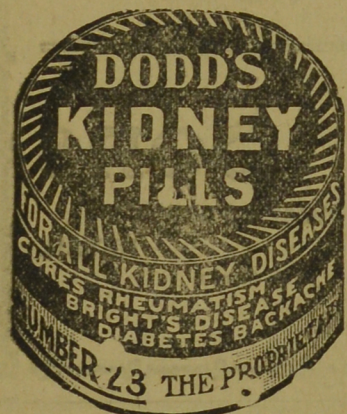
Brunswick has not a shipbuilding policy similar to that in vogue in British Columbia. In the western province the government guarantees 55 per cent of the cost of all ships constructed in the province. I hope that during the approaching session of the Legislature the question of shipbuilding will be threshed out and a policy adopted similar to that of British Columbia. The speeding up of shipbuilding is the patriotic duty of all Canadians. I have been giving the matter much attention for the past three years, during my trips through the country, and have been actuated entirely by patriotic motives."



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steel ships. Mr. Blanchet, in referring to this matter, said he thought it would be more in the interests of the country if the government were to speed up

builders throughout the Maritime Provinces, and they assured him that if the government would assist the industry, by granting a cash bonus of say \$20 a ton for a period of fifteen years, they would be only too glad to double the capacity of their shipyards. "I regret that the province of New



HUN RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF.
London, Feb. 18. — "A hostile raiding party was driven off during the night by one of our posts in the neighborhood of Gavrelle," says today's war office report. "A few prisoners were taken by the Portuguese in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle. Patrol encounters in which the enemy suffered casualties occurred early in the night in the Messines sector. The enemy's artillery has shown some activity south of the Arras-Cambrai road, north of Lens, and in the neighborhood of Zonnebeke."

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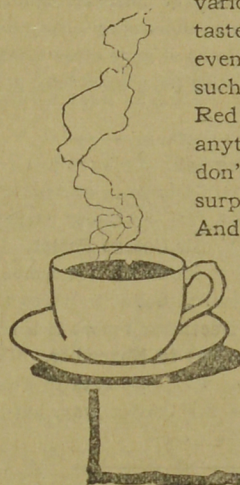
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