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MR. BALLANTYNE REPLIES TO MR. DUFFS' CHARGES

Minister of Marine Says the Statement Made by Member for Lunenburg are Without Foundation—Officers Were Not Attending Pink Teas and Whist Parties in Halifax—Gave a Good Account of Themselves During War.

Ottawa, May 26—Charges of bungling, mismanagement, inefficiency and gross extravagance against the Canadian Naval Service were branded as absurd and false by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of naval affairs, in the House of Commons this afternoon. The Minister hurled them back at the author, William Duff, Liberal of Lunenburg, telling him at the same time he had been loaded up with defective ammunition. The head of Canada's navy whose personnel was increased from three hundred to over five hundred thousand during the war, flatly denied that officers were swanking around Halifax attending pink teas and playing bridge whist while German submarines were sinking Canadian vessels off the Nova Scotia coast. On the contrary he assured they were a very gallant lot of seamen and officers many of them with notable records who were exposed to hardships and danger and gave good account of themselves when enemy forces were operating in the north Atlantic.

Minister Indignant

The minister deeply resented the attack by the member for Lunenburg, with which he dealt in detail. Incidentally he announced that when parliament is summoned next year the government will submit to the house a naval policy for this dominion which will meet with unanimous approval. He said that the Niobe and the Rainbow had given efficient service, steaming eighty thousand miles between them and conveying vessels laden with passengers, troops and rich cargoes.

A bit of news hitherto kept secret was given by Mr. Ballantyne when he told the house that on the outbreak of the war and again in 1915 the Canadian government inquired of the British admiralty whether in their judgment steps should be taken to increase Canada's effort should be concentrated service. The reply was in the negative the imperial authorities adding that Canada's effort should be concentrated on recruiting and equipping troops for the battlefield.

Charges Frivolity

Dealing with Mr. Duff's specific charges the minister declared the Lunenburg member was guilty of frivolity and wasting the time of parliament when he charged that the steamer Lady Evelyn was sent to the Magdalen Island with six lead pencils for the wireless operator there at the time the oil tanker Lux Blanc was torpedoed. The minister said the Lady Evelyn was patrolling the Atlantic in her regular area at the time in question and making her regular calls at the various bases.

Mr. Duff Replies

Mr. Duff replied at great length to the minister declaring that in spite of Mr. Ballantyne's declaration that the charges were false he was going to stand by his guns and if the government would order an investigation he would prove his charges up to the hilt. The Lunenburg member resorted to personalities once or twice observing that Mr. Ballantyne was born with the smell of paint in his nostrils and trying to gloss over his charges with a coat of Sherwin-Williams shellac.

The statement was made by J. H. Sinclair of Antigonish and Guysboro that Lieutenant Leggett, commander of the Canadian ship Hochelaga saw the German submarine which was operating off Nova Scotia and changed

the course of his vessel, turned tail and ran away. He was court-martialled and discharged from the service, said Mr. Sinclair.

The Western Strike

Ottawa, May 26—(By the Canadian Press)—In the house today Mr. Mackie asked what steps had been taken in regard to the situation in Edmonton and Calgary. He was, he said, in receipt of communication that a sympathetic strike had been declared and there was likely to be danger to property and persons.

Mr. Maclean replied that no official intimation had been received by the government or by the department of labor. Until some intimation were received the government could not very well express an opinion about it.

Mr. Richardson asked whether the postal employees in Winnipeg returned to work at 11 o'clock this morning as they had been notified to do.

Mr. Maclean replied that the department had received no information from Winnipeg today respecting the postal employees. The last word received was that they were likely to return but there had been no confirmation.

BRASS BAND MEETING

R. Wickett Elected President—Band had a Good Year—Financial Position Reported Satisfactory.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Brass Band was held last night at the band room. The band was reported to be in a flourishing condition with its finances very satisfactory. The past year was most successful from the band's viewpoint. Engagements numbered between thirty-five and forty. Officers were elected as follows:

President, R. Wickett.
Vice-President, C. Toner.
Secretary-Treasurer, Willard Kitchen.
Assistant Secretary and Paymaster, J. Donovan.
Press Agent, George Alliot.
Managing Committee, R. H. Wandless, F. DeLong, G. Ward.
Custodian, H. DeLong.

LOCAL NEWS

Had Good Sport

Many local disciples of good old Ike Walton spent Victoria day whipping the lakes and streams for speckled trout. A number went to the Nashwaak, others to Cross Creek, and some to more distant streams such as the Pokiook and Shogomoc. Most of the anglers had something better to report on their return than the ordinary fisherman's luck. While no phenomenal catches were made, all seem to have had very good sport.

Queen's Birthday

The birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Mary was observed to some extent in the city yesterday, flags flying in her honor. Queen Mary was born on May 26, 1867 and her title was then Her Serene Highness Princess Victoria Mary Augusta Louise Olga Pauline Claudine Agnes of Teck. The name by which she was generally known, Princess May of Teck, was a mark of the affection which she always inspired in the British people.

Price Webber's Plans

H. Price Webber, who needs no further introduction, is spending a short while at the home of A. Seaton, Fair Vale, Kings County, while his wife regains her strength, having suffered seriously from influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Webber intends to resume his usual dramatic tour soon. His players are working in various organizations in the eastern states on contracts subject to a fortnight's notice which will enable them to rejoin the St. John actor-manager so soon as he recommends rehearsals.

K. of P. Grand Chancellor

There was a special meeting of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias held at Castle Hall last evening for the purpose of welcoming P. J. Soley of Fox River, N. S., Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Domain, who is making an official tour of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia lodges. There was a large delegation from Marysville Lodge No. 18 which took an active part in the proceedings. A young Marysville man was advanced to the rank of Knight, members of both lodges taking part in the ceremony. During the evening the presence of Grand Chancellor P. J. Soley, Grand Vice Chancellor R. B. Wallace and Grand Deputy Alonzo Staples, was announced and they were officially welcomed with royal honors. Speech making was the order of the evening, some very interesting addresses being made by some of the members present.

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New shrubs, Rose Bushes for Cemetery. Also an abundance of Cut Flowers. Funeral designs to order. Reduced prices. Tomato, Cauliflower and cabbage plants.

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Dog owners are warned that after Saturday, May 31, 1919, the tax on male dogs will be \$2.00 and on female dogs \$4.00.

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G. R. PERKINS,
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Harold Lloyd Comedy

British and Canadian News

Wed.—ETHEL CLAYTON in THE GIRL WHO CAME BACK

TODAY'S PROGRAM

DOUG. FAIRBANKS

— IN —

"ARIZONA"

Lyons-Moran Comedy

GAIETY 4 Shows Daily at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15, 8.40,

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