

BUILT IN CANADA MANY SHIPS WERE DURING 1927

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—A total of 395 ships were built in Canada during the year 1926, according to a report issued to-night by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. These vessels had an aggregate gross tonnage of 48,395, and a net tonnage of 37,806. British Columbia led the way in shipbuilding, that province being credited with the construction of 253 vessels. Of these 116 were wooden sailing ships; three were wooden steamships, and 134 metal gas vessels. Nova Scotia constructed 46, of which 15 were wooden sailing ships and 31 metal gas. Quebec built 47, Ontario 30, New Brunswick 15 and Manitoba 2.

The report shows that in the 1926 fiscal year the revenue of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine totalled \$10,989,437, and the operating expenses \$11,095,597, giving a deficit of \$90,160. In 1925 the operating loss was \$948,053 and in 1924 the deficit totalled \$1,440,880.

EGGING THEM ON.

"Oh daddy can you tell me why New Easter hats the ladies buy?" Asks clever little Dick "The reason is" his father chats "By shelling out for Easter hats They look so very chick."

Here and There

Another barometer of the state of Western Canada's agricultural progress is the sale of school lands in the Prairie Provinces which in 1927 were the best on record. In all 480,408 acres were disposed of for a total of \$8,883,967, representing an average of \$18.70 per acre. The lowest price obtained was \$7 per acre and the highest \$79.

Appointment was announced recently of R. F. Angus to be assistant superintendent of the C.P.R. Montreal Terminals. Mr. Angus, who joined the Canadian Pacific Railway as a clerk in 1919, is the grandson of R. B. Angus, one of the creators of the system, and nephew of Sir Vincent Meredith, chairman of the Bank of Montreal.

Ten-year-old John Wyllie Barbour travelled recently alone from his aunt in Los Angeles to his father in Glasgow, a distance of about seven thousand miles, in care of C.P.R. train and boat officials from Chicago on. John thought the climate here was little different to California and wore no overcoat or had left it packed in his trunk, but he changed his mind at Montreal where he struck sub-zero weather. He arrived safe and sound, and will come back in the spring.

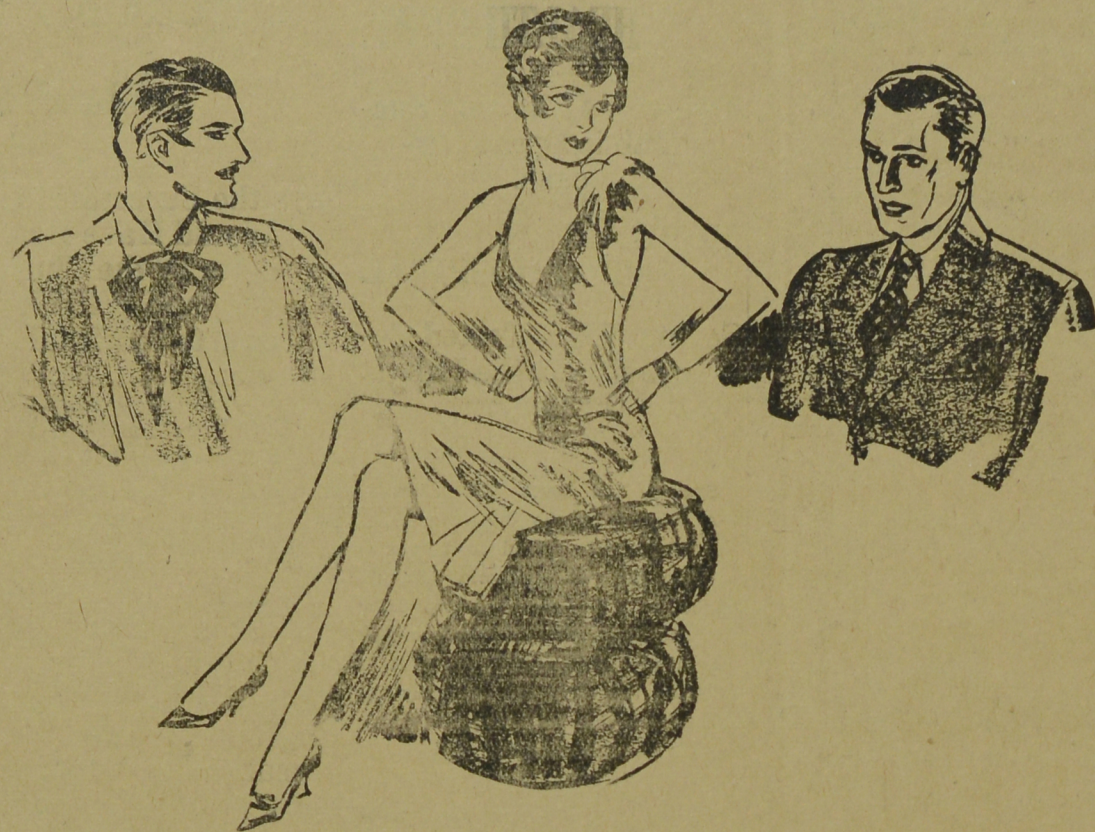
A paradise for the outside camper will be ready next summer when the government finishes the new camp ground in the Rocky Mountains Park within half a mile of Banff, on Tunnel Mountain. The camp, which on its old site last July accommodated 11,553 persons, is specially popular among prairie farmers between seeding time and harvest. Charge is only a dollar for a party for three weeks, and running water, garbage removal, dinner shelters, electric light and even pay telephones are provided for campers.

Around ten thousand snowshoers and their friends will visit Montreal on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Snowshoers' Association to be held in Montreal February 3-6. The convention is international in scope since it takes in the American Snowshoers' Association with over 1,500 members in the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, while there are also representatives from the Manitoba Snowshoers' Association and local bodies from all over the province of Quebec.

Making his second visit to Canada in 44 years, Seymour Hicks, noted British actor, with his wife, the equally well-known English stage favorite, Ellaline Terriss, and their daughter Betty, with a company of 26, arrived at Halifax this month, played a week there and three days at Saint John as the opening phase of a four months' tour that will embrace the whole Dominion to Victoria and back. Mr. Hicks travelled C.P.R. and will conclude his tour May 5.

The increased buying power of the Canadian people and the surplus funds in their possession for investment in the last few years is accounted for by the increased production of the Dominion, substantial increments having been recorded since 1923 and a new record made, according to estimates, in 1927. The value of gross production in Canada in 1923 was \$4,946,000,000; in 1924 it was \$5,263,000,000; in 1925 \$5,599,000,000; in 1926 \$5,656,241,624 and in 1927, according to the estimate of the "Financial Post," \$5,755,796,700. Production in 1927 exceeded that of 1926 by approximately \$100,000,000 and that of 1923 by \$809,000,000. Agriculture accounted for \$1,662,387,100; forestry \$439,405,000; fishing \$50,291,000; trapping \$16,788,600; mining \$202,750,000; electric power \$108,195,000; construction \$338,800,000, and manufactures \$2,760,700,000.

Two Husbands Wanted by Hazel Deyo Batchelor



SYNOPSIS

Polly Long a mannequin in the establishment of Madame Therese falls in love with Ralph Halliday. He is in love with his wife, but he and Lola are drifting apart and he likes Polly's companionship. Mrs. Long and Polly are led to believe that Ralph will soon ask her to marry him, and because he wishes it, move from Jersey City to New York, where he can see them. The Longs are comfortably settled when Annette, one of the models, follows Polly home. Mrs. Long takes a dislike to the girl. Ralph sees Lola off for Florida and Christmas comes and goes. Christmas night John Blake enters the story. There is a tragedy in his life. John is shocked because Ralph has not told Polly he is married, he is shocked because she is to go on the stage. But he dare not push Ralph too far because of his past. Polly gets an unexpected chance to play in "Brighter and Brighter," inexperienced though she is. The winter passes, and Lola returns. Polly has left Madame Therese. At a dinner some guests talk about a musical play called "Brighter and Brighter." Lola has not seen it, and she notices that Ralph looks queer. Instantly she is once more suspicious.

CHAPTER XII GROWING IMPATIENCE.

"Elaine the fair, Elaine the lovable! Elaine the Lily-maid of Astolat!"

Tending her precious shield and waiting for Lancelot! So was small Polly! Only that her fortress was not a grim castle but a Broadway chorus show. Down through the ages Elaine spoke to her through Tennyson.

Elaine. Polly!

Ralph. Sir Lancelot!

And Polly loved Ralph, who hopelessly loved another woman who was his own wife!

What a tangled plot!

And yet for all the fact that Polly enjoyed going out with Tom Graves and different college boys, Ralph was always in the background of her mind. It began to trouble her that he never tried to make love to her, hold her in his arms.

She trembled at the thought. Delicious little thrills ran up and down her back.

"Dear Sir Lancelot!" she whispered sometimes just before falling asleep. But as yet she was not floating on a lovely flower-strewn barge, she was sleeping and eating and living the life of a normal young girl of today. And she was seeing her Lancelot in Ralph and her dreams. Only the love part of it did trouble her a great deal. Why need they wait until the engagement was announced? It bothered her.

She bore it until she could bear it no further, and then she took the problem to her mother.

It was one morning after breakfast

Polly was dawdling after a late meal. The maid was in the kitchen.

"Mother, why doesn't Ralph make love to me?" Why doesn't he? Why doesn't he?"

"Polly." Cautioned the little mother. "Not so loud, dear, please."

"But we are engaged!"

"It hasn't been announced, and Ralph is honorable. He wants the best for you, darling. Don't you suppose I know that he wants to make love to you? Who could help it?"

Polly's soft lips. Polly's tender hands. Polly's brown eyes so full of dreams. These must be kept pure and unsullied.

"Polly."

"Yes."

"Tom Graves and the other boys don't make love to you, do they?"

"Silly!" she laughed.

"But do they?"

"I should say not. But it breaks the strain to see them, mother, it does, really."

Mrs. Long hesitated, poured herself another cup of coffee and was thoughtful as she used sugar and cream.

Polly broke in on her thoughts.

"Modern girls let their fiances make love to them even when the engagement hasn't been announced. You'd think I was in a castle behind a moat. Like Elaine in that old poem. But I'm not. This is the twentieth century, and things are different." Lots of the girls in the chorus are engaged!"

"What about it?"

"Two of them are leaving the chorus to be married."

"You will leave the chorus to be married, too, if you will be patient."

"But their fiances kiss them and make a great fuss over them. Cynthia and Dorothy both have rings!"

"Your ring will come! Remember, you're not marrying an unimportant man, Polly. What about Cynthia and Dorothy? Who are the men engaged to them? What do they do?"

Polly's face fell.

"Cynthia's fiance is a law-clerk, but he's saved a lot of money, and she's mad about him. She says he is so sweet to her, so dear, and she's sick to death of the stage."

"Are you?"

"No, but I want Ralph, and he's away so much, now."

"Polly, his sister has returned, and naturally now that summer is so near!"

"But she's his sister!"

"I know, darling. What about Dorothy?"

Somehow Mrs. Long couldn't keep away from the subject.

"Dorothy is going to marry a clerk in a broker's office. She has her ring." An idea occurred to the little mother.

"But how big is the ring, my sweetheart?"

"Oh, just a small one."

"Just a small one. But yours won't be small. Yours will be large and will come from an expensive house."

"I don't care about the ring."

And yet she did vaguely, with Ralph always in the background of her mind. She would rather have Ralph without the big ring, just as these other girls had cheerfully taken their smaller ones and were now planning to walk out in life with the men who loved them. Of course neither Cynthia nor Dorothy had a fiance like Ralph, but he was safe.

Only that Ralph was so handsome. He always did the perfect thing at the right time.

But as Polly, still pondering, went to her room to dress, the little mother was more satisfied than she had been.

Girls in the chorus left there to be married to poor men! Her darling wasn't in such danger after all! Why was it that people who didn't know talked so much about the danger in the life of a chorus girl? Why were the magazines full of it?

But if Dorothy and Cynthia had won out. Polly would, too! Only Polly's would be in the nature of a triumph.

Elaine, Polly!

Lancelot, Ralph!

So Mrs. Long dreamed, and so the wheels of fate kept grinding with something happening just around the corner. And the little mother waited! And Lola waited! And Polly waited! For what? For the something just around the corner that lingered ever near.

Oh, Polly of the dancing feet, be careful of the corner. Fate is not always kind. Beware, beware!

(To Be Continued.)

A WINTER NIGHT

It's cold and still and white Outside tonight.

The moon shines silver clear; And large and steely bright,

The stars seem very near Outside tonight.

The trees are cased within An icy armoured suit

With branches stiff and grim That bear no leaves or fruit

No blossoms pink and white Outside tonight.

It's very pleasant here

Inside my dear.

The fitful firelight gleams And while I hold you near

I find my Port o' Dreams

With you, my dear.

Although the drifting snow Has covered field and fold

Here by the fire side's glow We do not feel the cold

It's always summer here

With you my dear.

MARGARET H. TOMKINS in Detroit News.

It isn't as though Rogers Harnsby were out of a job. Anybody who plays with the Boston Braves has his work cut out for him.

SPECTACULAR DISPLAY AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Husbands of Ottawa lunched at cafeterias yesterday went hungry, which is synonymous with the fact that the second session of the 16th Parliament of Canada was formally launched upon its uneven way.

Apart from the announcement of the fact that Canada is to exchange ministers plenipotentiary with the Empire of Japan, the outstanding feature of the opening was the vim and vigor with which flappers, debutantes and patrons stormed the gates of the city in quest of the social precedence and prestige which accompanies the group and pageantry coincident with festive ceremonies.

All feminine Ottawa was present. The gentler sex began to arrive at 10 o'clock, in the morning—five hours before the time scheduled for commencement of the ceremonies. By noon, the wooden stockade which had been erected to gather in those who sought entrance to the public gallery of the Senate, was as congested as a city of Norwegian bristling. Hours before the arrival of Their Excellencies an army of constables that resembled the answer to a Chicago riot call, had its arms literally full of the youth and beauty of the Capital, struggling to reach points of vantage to hear, or to see, or to be seen.

Spectacle Was Imposing.

Femininity was rampant in a riot of color which was only rivalled by the new Nile green cravat of the ex-Mayor of Toronto, Tommy Church, M. P., whose startling neckwear gave rise to the report that he had lined up with Hon. Charles Macell in the Mexican controversy. Dr. Edwards (Frontenac-Addington), and H. C. Hocken (Toronto), have been designated a committee to hold an inquiry. But femininity was rampant. By noon, it was reported that every pair of curling tongs in the Capital had worn out its element and there is a current rumor that the costumiers of the Capital are seeking a convalescent home in which to recuperate from the frenzy of their labors of the past two weeks.

The setting for the spectacle was an imposing one. The blizzard of Wednesday had abated, leaving in its wake a city buried in snow. All night long hundreds of men had toiled to clear the passage-ways over which Their Excellencies and entourage were to travel. Giant drifts had to be carted away from the roads on Parliament Hill. The laborers received some assistance from the hundreds of early arrivals for the ceremonies, who trampled down the snow that had not been removed.

SPUDS FREEZE AT 29 DEGREES ABOVE ZERO

Results of an investigation made by the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the freezing of potatoes have become known to the Provincial Department of Agriculture and are of interest to farmers and particularly the potato growers of New Brunswick.

The freezing point of potatoes is about 29 degrees F., according to the conclusions reached by the investigation referred to. The freezing point differs slightly, owing to individual differences in the tubers, and also to the difference in varieties, soil conditions, seasons, methods of storage and time of year, the experts found, but on the average 29 degrees is the freezing point, with the extreme range only a degree above or below that point.

The investigators found that potatoes might survive temperatures materially below the ordinary freezing point for a time due to the phenomenon of "undercooling", in which the potato might attain a degree below the freezing point without injury because ice is not formed. The slightest jar at such times will cause crystallization; however, sometimes in as short a time as half a minute.

Another freezing phenomenon studied by the investigators is that of "leakers", in which some potatoes in a bin will ooze water through the skin, while nearby potatoes are unaffected. The experts are satisfied with the explanation that when crystallization of water takes place and results in the giving off of heat, the more susceptible of the potatoes freeze, and in freezing give off enough heat to bring neighboring potatoes again above the danger line, at least for a time. These leakers are, in fact, martyrs to their fellows.

MINTO MAN CONVICTED OF MAKING HOOTCH

Minto, Jan. 27.—John Rainie, of South Minto, was given the option of paying a \$100 fine or spending a month in jail when he pleaded guilty before Judge Daniel Palmer, in the Minto court today to a charge of illegal manufacture of liquor. Unable to pay the fine, Rainie was taken to the Gaquetown jail today. The charge was laid by Provincial Policeman Stanis Richard, of Moncton, at present stationed in Moncton.

Rainie had previously served a jail sentence on a stabbing charge.

TID BITS IS PROMISED A LIBEL SUIT

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

London Jan. 28.—Attorneys for Rex Ingram moving picture producer announced yesterday that a libel suit was to be brought against the publishers of the weekly magazine "Tit Bits" in connection with an article that said Ingram had been converted to Mohammedanism and intended to abandon film making to go to Asia. The attorneys declared that the statement was without foundation.

Los Angeles, Jan. 27.—The defense accepted a jury in the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman late today after exhausting 16 of its 20 challenges. The prosecution admitted that it might yet desire to charge but did not definitely state its stand.

Court adjourned at 5:12 o'clock to Monday morning when the decision of the state employing additional challenges will be made known.

FIRE ALARM LOCATION IN THE CITY

- 6 Argyle and York Sts.
- 7 Victoria Hospital.
- 8 Children's Aid Home.
- 12 Westmorland and Aberdeen Sts.
- 13 Northumberland and Saunders Sts.
- 14 Brunswick and Smythe Sts.
- 15 Charlotte and Smythe Sts.
- 16 George and Northumberland Sts.
- 17 King and Northumberland Sts.
- 21 Queen and York Sts.
- 23 York and George Sts.
- 24 Queen and Westmorland Sts.
- 25 Brunswick and Westmorland Sts.
- 26 Charlotte and Westmorland Sts.
- 27 King and York Sts.
- 28 Saunders and York Sts.
- 31 Queen and Regent Sts.
- 32 Needham and Regent Sts.
- 34 Queen and Carleton Sts.
- 35 Brunswick and Carleton Sts.
- 36 Charlotte and Carleton Sts.
- 37 George and Regent Sts.
- 38 King and Regent Sts.
- 43 St. John and Aberdeen Sts.
- 44 Queen and St. John Sts.
- 45 Brunswick and St. John Sts.
- 46 Brunswick and St. John Sts.
- 46 Charlotte and St. John Sts.
- 51 King and Church Sts.
- 52 George and Church Sts.
- 53 Union and Church Sts.
- 54 Shore St. and University Ave.
- 55 Brunswick St. and University Ave.
- 56 Lansdowne St. and Waterloo Row.
- 57 Grey St. and University Ave.
- 112 Smythe and Aberdeen Sts.
- 113 Argyle and Northumberland Sts.