

THE LADY NELSON WILL SAIL FROM HALIFAX FOR THE WEST INDIES ON DECEMBER 14TH

On December 14th., there will sail from Halifax the R. M. S. "Lady Nelson", the first of the five liners which the Canadian National Steamships Company is placing in service between Canada, the British West Indies, and British Guiana. The sailing of this ship will bring to the minds of all Canadians that there lie within a few days sail of the Atlantic ports of Canada the world's most alluring and beautiful islands—lands that are set in bluest seas, caressed by soft winds, bathed in brilliant sunshine, and festooned in luxury of vegetation that surpassed man's conception.

People of Northern zones may find the most complete fulfillment of life in these tropic climes. Much that we do not possess in our countries, we can find in the British West Indies. In history and tradition, they have the oldest relationship with ourselves; and while they have customs and features of so-called native life, as attractive as may be found in any foreign country, yet their social, political and commercial life is essentially Anglo-Saxon. Indeed British traditions flourish with a virility that perhaps is duplicated in no other part of the Empire. Their physical attributes have long held people of other countries as ardent admirers, and willing worshippers at their shrine of beauty encircled as they are with halos of romance that can never fade.

Anyone who loves, romance, who possesses the urge of adventurous imagination, that restless longing for things that lie beyond, who desires to spend some time in climatic conditions that are most agreeable, will respond to the impelling of Southward Ho.

The way to these lands of the Caribbean is by the new 8,000 ton

liners of the Canadian National Steamships Company, which can carry you there with the utmost of safety, luxury and speed. These ships, which are the very latest product of modern achievement in sea transportation, will operate fortnightly along two routes from Canada to the West Indies.

Three of these ships have been allocated to what is commonly referred to as the "Eastern Route," sailing all the year round from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and calling, in the order named, at Bermuda, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, Barbadoes, St. Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad, Tobago, and British Guiana. North-bound the ships reverse the order of calls as scheduled above, but instead of returning to Halifax direct, go from Bermuda to Saint John, New Brunswick, where they land all passengers and such freight as is consigned to and through that port, after which they proceed to Halifax to load for the voyage south.

The other two ships have been placed on what is known as the "Western Route," and during the months May to November inclusive, sail from Montreal, and for the balance of the year from Halifax for Jamaica, calling en route, both north and south-bound, at Bermuda and Nassau. They turn at Kingston, Jamaica, for the homeward voyage. Connection with Belize, British Honduras, is made at Kingston by a smaller boat of the Canadian National Steamships. At several points these services afford connection, both ways, with New York and other American ports, as well as with Great Britain and the Continent.

The five new liners which operate in these services have been named, we think most appropriately, after the

wives of five British Admirals, whose lives and service to the Empire were dedicated to, and intimately associated with, the exploration, colonization, conquest and defence of what are now the British possessions of the Caribbean sea.

Why the Names.

R. M. S. "Lady Hawkins" is named after the wife of Admiral Sir John Hawkins, one of the greatest of Elizabethan sailors. Sir John's adventurous career throughout the latter half of the sixteenth century, was confined largely to the West Indies and the Spanish Main, and eventually ended with his death off Porto Rico, and his burial beneath the waters now plowed by the ship which proudly bears the name of his consort.

R. M. S. "Lady Drake" is called after the wife of Admiral Sir Francis Drake, the most romantic and most colorful here in England's long sea story. Although he seems to have found time to circumnavigate the globe, encompass the defeat of the Spanish Armada, as well as occupy a seat in the House of Commons, and the chair of the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, nevertheless the major portion of Drake's extraordinary career was enacted around the "Isles of the West" when the British Navy was born and Elizabeth was Queen. These West India Islands were the scene of many of his triumphs, also of his death, for he lies buried, a league from the shore, off Port Bello.

R. M. S. "Lady Somers" is so called in memory of Joanna, wife of Admiral Sir George Somers. After being knighted by Queen Elizabeth for his heroism and exploits in the West Indies, Sir George Somers, while on a voyage to the new plantations in Virginia, was shipwrecked on the uninhabited coast of Bermuda and founded a British Colony there in 1609. Admiral Somers died there the following year and his heart is buried at St. Georges, while the Bermudas, which he founded, are still familiarly known as the Somers Islands.

R. M. S. "Lady Rodney", is named after the wife of Admiral Sir George Rodney. Rodney's long association with the West Indies culminated in the great naval battle off Dominica, when he vanquished the French fleet, under Comte de Grasse, and preserved for Britain that place in the Western Hemisphere which had been given her by a long line of sailors, who, in preceding generations, had ventured forth to lay the foundations of Empire.

R. M. S. "Lady Nelson" is named in memory of Frances Nisbet wife of Admiral Lord Nelson, the greatest figure in the naval history of Britain. Lady Nelson was personally acquainted with the West Indies, for, as Frances Woodward, she was born on the Island of Nevis, the daughter of William Woodward, Senior Judge of the Colony. At the age of eighteen she married Doctor Nisbet, a physician of Nevis, who died a short time afterwards. Later, when Nelson, then a young Captain in the Royal Navy, came to Nevis, Mrs. Nisbet was an attractive widow in her early twenties, and very prominent in the notable social life which had its center around that fashionable watering place. The wedding of Captain Horatio Nelson and Frances Herbert Nisbet took place in Nevis on March 12th, 1787.

On some future occasion we will describe these beautiful ships, Treasure ships to treasure islands. In the meantime, anyone who wishes one of the booklets descriptive of the British West Indies, may obtain same by writing to The General Passenger Department of the Canadian National Railways, Moncton, N. B.

SMALL CAKES

Use a sponge cake mixture. When the cakes are baked ice with cocoa icing and put uncooked macaroni or noodle alphabet letters in the icing for initials.

B. R. Cox of Winnipeg is in the city.

SOME INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS GLEANED ALONG THE LINES OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL

Designs for the new car ferry to be made to Halifax, as the Capital of two Cape Tormentine, N. B., and Nova Scotia, and one of the front doors of Canada.

The National System is making the greatest effort for Canadian trade through Canadian ports, that it may be stated has ever been made. In this connection they have made arrangements with the White Star Line and the Cunard Line for weekly sailings between Halifax, London and Liverpool. In an interview given by Col. A. M. Jones, who is representative in Halifax of the White Star Line, he made the statement that the new service opens up a new era in the shipping business of Halifax, and that the prospects for a record season's shipping business in that port were never brighter, than they were now, and this, he said, applies to both freight and passenger steamships. While the definite number of sailings has not yet been worked out, it is said, according to Colonel Jones, that between December 1st., and April 17th., a total of 52 White Star steamers will call at Halifax, bound either for London or Liverpool, and that there will be as many Cunard line steamers as well. Besides these there will be the sailings of the Canadian National Steamships, which make Halifax the home port during the winter. There will also be the new West India boats of the Canadian National System, which will still further open up the channels of trade with the British countries of the Caribbean.

Reminiscent of the trips to this country by the early explorers, is the tour that Hon. Charles D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines is making by canoe over more than 100 miles of Northern New Brunswick territory. The country traversed by this trip, which lies between Nictau and Bathurst, is one of the scenic sections of the Province, the contour being rugged and mountainous, with peaks rising to a height of from 2,000 to 2,700 feet. Practically the whole route lies through unsettled, well-wooded country, rich in game and fish, and the scene of the most extensive lumbering operations in the Province.

Ten million bushels will be New Brunswick's 1928 potato crop. The acreage under cultivation is over 52,000 acres, and the Provincial Department of Agriculture report states that the "average yield per acre will approximate 190 bushels", and predicts that digging will be practically completed this week. The hay crop is above the average, and a large production of grain has been stored.

The visit to Canada of the young English people, who were known as the "Young Ambassadors of Empire", and who were particularly impressed with the Maritime Provinces, is by no means to be a passing event, or merely a flash in the pan, for these young people are banding themselves together in England in a club, which is for the purpose of keeping informed on the development of Canada, and with the direct object of spreading the gospel of opportunities afforded young people in their country. According to advice received at the Montreal office of the Canadian National Railways, which sponsored the Canadian portion of the tour, the fifty Young Ambassadors who made their five weeks tour of the Dominion, this year have become charter members of the club, and the club itself will receive additions from young people who will be chosen hereafter for similar tours of Canada and other of the Empire.

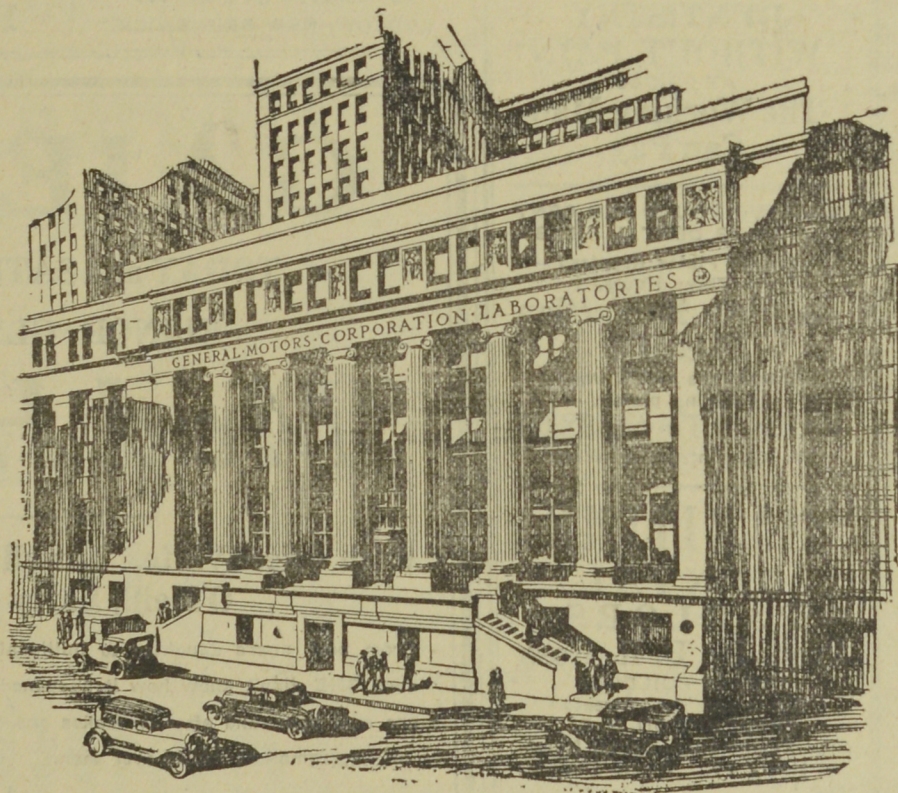
H. J. Logan, K.C., of Amherst, who was recently appointed Director of the National Railways, is now touring the lines of the Western portion of the system, and was recently in Vancouver. In an interview there, Mr. Logan expressed utmost surprise at the enormous development of that city as a port. The new Director is making a tour of the entire system for the purpose of acquiring that knowledge that will give him a perspective of the great system, of which he has now become a director. Mr. Logan is known as the Father of the West India Treaty.

"We are now beginning to get a vision of what the Canadian National Railways means to Halifax", said a prominent citizen of that city, in speaking to an official of the Canadian National the other day. He was speaking particularly of the big undertaking at the South End Terminals, where work is now rapidly proceeding on the construction of the station and hotel, and the spacious plaza, which is to extend from the station up to Barrington Street. Blocks of old wooden buildings are being torn down, opening up this area, so that one does not only get a mental perspective, but a real eye's view of the great improvement that is

Captain B. W. C. Manning, who has had command of the "Canadian Pathfinder" in the West Indies service for some years, stepped down from the bridge of that ship for the last time on Tuesday, the 16th., when he arrived at Saint John, and his next command will be the "Lady Hawkins", the second of those beautiful ships that are being built in England for National System's West India services. Captain Manning, who is very popular with his officers and crew, as well as the travelling public, was presented by the former with a very beautiful chiming clock, gold plate, and a writing set, on the eve of his departure for Montreal to proceed to England to bring out the "Lady Hawkins." Mrs. Manning accompanies the Captain to England.

All radio fans throughout the Maritime Provinces are delighted with the news that CNRA, the Moncton Radio Station of the Canadian National Railways, is trying in the other stations of the National System. This means that persons residing within the radius of this station in the Maritime Provinces will be enabled to hear some of the more outstanding artists of the larger centres such as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, and ultimately Vancouver. It will mean also that reception of these feature programmes will be possible regardless of weather or static conditions, and loud-speaker reception will be available with less expensive sets.

Mr. D. K. Markton of St. John is in the city.



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