

The Daily British Whig

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BIG HAMONIC

Steamer Safely Launched on Thursday.

A HAPPY CEREMONY

THE GIANT VESSEL GLIDED GRACEFULLY INTO DOCK.

Large Crowd Witnessed Launching. New Ship is Finest Afloat on Great Lakes—Feature of Her Construction and Equipment.

Collingwood, Nov. 27.—A mid-

day crowd of hammer-boats, the cheers of spectators, and the ear-piercing shrieks of ship-sirens and factory whistles, the new steamer Hamonic, the latest addition to the fine fleet of the Northern Navigation company, and the finest achievement of Canadian ship-builders, was successfully launched from the yard of the Collingwood Shipbuilding company yesterday. The occasion was invested with an importance greater than is usually associated with an event of the kind. It not only demonstrated the capabilities of Canadian ship-builders, who in the construction and equipment of the new vessel have shown that even unequal terms they can successfully compete with the best in the world, but it marked the completion of another stage in the development of Canadian transportation, and cemented a relationship between lake navigation and railway communication, which, in view of the opening of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is pregnant with great possibilities.

In naming the new ship the Hamonic, the Northern Navigation company paid a tribute to their revered president, which the unfortunate circumstance of his illness rendered peculiarly impressive, and if there was anything in yesterday's proceedings that was to be regretted it was that H. C. Hammond was unable to be present to witness the culmination of an enterprise to which he has so largely contributed.

Mrs. H. H. Gildersleeve, wife of the general manager of the Northern Navigation company, christened the steamer, breaking the customary bottle of champagne upon the vessel.

In construction, equipment, carrying capacity and speed it is safe to say that the Hamonic when fitted out will have no equal on the great lakes. Her dimensions are: Length over all, 362 feet; length between perpendiculars, 341 feet; extreme breadth, 50 feet; moulded depth, 27 feet, and gross tonnage 5,000 tons. The significance of these figures may be better appreciated, when it is stated that the main dimensions are only a little less than half those of the new Cunard giant Mauretania. The entire ship from keel to trucks is strictly the work of Canadian engineers, designers and builders and even, in her unfinished state is a model of workmanship of which Canadians may well be proud.

Whether the Hamonic is the last word in ship-building for the lakes may be doubted in view of the development of navigation on Canadian waters, but at any rate nothing has been left undone to make her what the builders claim she is, one of the finest ships afloat. With a brief space a description of her equipment and even of the various improvements introduced is impossible. The engines are quadruple expansion, having a total of 6,200 indicated horsepower, and a notable feature is that the disposition of the power plant is made with reference first to the comfort of the passengers and next to the best arrangement of freight space. She will be supplied

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Cook's Church Anniversary Services,

Exhibition of Water Color Paintings, at Kirkpatrick's Art Gallery.

Some real Bargains in the "For Sale" ads., on page 3, to-night.

St. Andrew's Society Sermon in St. Andrews Church, 7 p.m., Sunday.

Hour Prog. Knight of Queen's in First Baptist Church, 7 p.m., Saturday.

Illustrated Lecture, Silver collection.

The Girls' Auxiliary of St. George's will hold a Tea and Sale at Miss Macmillan's residence, King St., Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

All women have ideas.

As to what their Furs should be.

But the kind George Mills & Co. sell

good enough for me.

Nov. 28th, In Canadian History.

1844—Parliament met for the first time in Montreal.

1851—Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada.

1891—Lord Monk was sworn in as Governor-General.

1894—An earthquake shock was felt in Quebec.

Decorative Dining-room Crockery.

The modern dining room with its continuous "plate shelf" affords ample opportunity for the display of odd and quaint Jugs, Tankards, Plates, etc.

We carry an extensive line of specially chosen articles for this purpose.

Robertson Bros.

TO CLEAR OUT

Not me, but all my Stoves. I will sell at a good reduction for the cash. AT TURK'S Second-Hand Store, Phone, 745.

A BIG SCHEME

To Put Picton in Better Condition.

DREDGE THE MARSH

AND MAKE A PARK OF TRANSFORMED LAND.

The Marsh is Now a Breeding Place for Disease—Several Deaths Are Recorded—Four Fishery Overseers Have Been Appointed to Office.

To Endow the Toronto Free Hospital.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—In commemoration of the split work he has done on behalf of his fight against consumption, friend H. C. Hammond, the well known author, who is now confined to his use with an illness from which recovers, deemed impossible, have decided to raise an endowment fund for the Toronto free hospital for consumptives to be named after Mr. Hammond. Without any public appeal or announcement having been made the sum of \$36,000 has been collected within the last few days.

ASKED TO REPORT.

Unprofessional Conduct Part of Physicians.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The Star Medical Council has sent out circular letters to the crown attorney, the provinces asking them to vote to the council any allegations of unprofessional conduct on the part of medical men which may be brought to their attention. The inference is that the council has determined to enter upon a campaign to put a stop to some practices about which it has been told of a good deal of adverse comment.

MARYLAND SHUT UP.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The U. S. department of Agriculture ordered a quarantine against the entire state of Maryland, so far as cattle and sheep, etc., are concerned, on account of the appearance and mouth disease.

BONUSES WERE PAID TO LONGSHOREMEN FOR WORK ON WHARVES.

Shipping Companies Well Pleased With Work Done at Montreal—System of Bonus Will Prevent Labor Troubles.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—The work of paying to the longshoremen, who worked on the wharves during the past season, the bonuses that they earned during the time of their employment was completed this morning. The clerks of the various shipping firms have been very busy during the past three days and it was not until this morning that the last of the bonuses was claimed. The average amount received by the men was \$33.

The shipping companies were pleased with the working of the bonus system and the men are well satisfied with the result. There was not the slightest friction between the men and their employers during the season and it is likely that the continuation of the system will assure against repetition of the labor troubles which have frequently tied things up on the Montreal wharves in past seasons and have caused heavy loss to the shipping companies and great damage to the reputation of the port.

The bonus system was the result of a dispute between the men and their employers on the wage question last year. The suggestion was made that the increase the men demanded should be paid to them in the form of a bonus at the end of the year. The men signed an agreement to work, pledging themselves to work on the wharf for the entire season and the companies on their part agreed to give the men who worked the whole season an extra 2½c. per hour of the close of navigation.

The fact that domestic help is still very scarce in eastern Canada is shown by the way in which a large number of servants from England and Scotland who arrived in Montreal recently have been snapped up by local householders. Over a hundred girls from the other side arrived at the headquarters here of the Women's Domestic Guild two weeks ago, and situations have been found for them all. Many applications were received from points outside of Montreal and some of the girls went as far west as Toronto to take situations.

Refused Application.

London, Nov. 28.—Ernest Henri Jean Baptiste Sackville West, claimant to the Sackville peerage and estates, applied yesterday to the chancery court to have a receiver and manager appointed to the estates pending the decision of the probate court as to the legitimacy of the claim plaintiffs. The court refused the application.

The bonds of the London and Ontario railway company, totalling \$1,000,000, have been sold to the Shropshire East India merchants.

The failures in Canada this week

(totalled 25) same week, 1907, 41.

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A RAILWAY MAGNATE.

A Man Who is Possessed of Initiative.

Charles M. Hays, second vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, and president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, was born on Rock Island, Ill., in 1856, and came to the Grand Trunk railway in 1896. He is recognized as one of the foremost railway men of Canada and the United States. It was largely through his efforts that the Grand Trunk Pacific was launched. Mr. Hays realized that if the Grand Trunk was to hold its own business in the dominion it would have to have a line of its own in Western Canada, instead of having to transfer all of its freight and passenger traffic for the section of the dominion over to rival companies. With the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the parent company's mileage will be increased from nearly five thousand miles to nearly twelve thousand miles.

It is also through Mr. Hays's ambition that the Grand Trunk railway

LATEST NEWS

Dispatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIGHTEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The infant emperor of China is to be enthroned on December 2nd.

All difficulties in the way of South African union have been surmounted.

The Selkirk centenary exhibition will probably be held in Winnipeg in 1912.

Major-General Sir Percy Lake has been appointed quartermaster-general of India.

The annual report of the Winnipeg industrial fair board showed a deficit of over \$20,000.

The gold fields of Western Australia are the largest in the world, covering as they do 324,000 square miles.

About a hundred of the passengers and crew of the steamer Ponting were driven in a storm off the Philippine Islands.

Toronto street railway franchises last only eleven years longer. Toronto corporation will make a bid for its purchase.

Wilfred Glen Voliva, overseer of Zion City, Ill., and his followers, are working to raise \$1,300,000 to purchase the entire Dowie estate.

The army budget for Prussia, Saxony and Wurttemberg estimates the expenditure for 1908 at \$180,500,000 or \$6,500,000 less than in 1908.

Captain Charters, of the steamship Ayr, off the coast of Cornwall on October 15th, was swept off the deck in a heavy gale and drowned.

An alarming increase in the Asiatic cholera has occurred in the last twenty-four hours in St. Petersburg, when twenty-seven new cases were reported.

James Robertson, Milton, was the only Canadian who succeeded in getting stock for the live stock show at Chicago through quarantine at Detroit.

Mr. Hays is also president of the Central railway, which is controlled by the Grand Trunk, and while he is known to be a hardy and consistent worker as a railway magnate, he finds time to devote some attention to other matters of everyday life. He has a happy faculty of doing much work with little commotion, and his advice is continuously sought after, not only by railway men, but by those engaged in financial, commercial and industrial pursuits, and in matters of benevolence and social usefulness. Behind all this is seen a kind and generous heart, and a true life, and to every honest man Mr. Hays stretches a large, strong and helpful hand.

In short, Charles M. Hays is a splendid example, of what brains, pluck and industry can overcome and accomplish. A man who thinks much and deeply, and above all, independently, upon great variety of subjects.

The branch line of the G.T.P. system, extending from Fort William to a junction with the main line of the new transcontinental system, is opened to traffic.

The Canadian government has decided to exempt dressed meat shipments in bond from the embargo placed on cattle products from the United States.

The jury at Port Arthur acquitted J. W. Armstrong, Joseph Hubert and Robert Lethen, of the charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dexter poll personations.

At San Francisco Stanley Ketchell, Grand Rapids, Mich., resigned the middleweight championship of the world against "Billy" Papke, the Illinois "thunderbolt."

George H. Pope, the right-of-way agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific, states that every bit of territory along the main line from Winnipeg to Edmonton is good agricultural country, and that at least ninety percent will prove to be fine wheat raising land.

Magistrate Moore, of Kenora, suspended, was appointed by the present government in 1905, at a salary of \$750, and later, the same year, as magistrate of the district at a salary of \$1,200. It is understood that there has been a number of complaints as to his administration of justice.

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