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SECOND SECTION

MARINE WRECKING RECORD DURING THE 1918 SEASON

The Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking Company Have Successfully Floated Nineteen Vessels on Lake and River.

Nineteen vessels have gone ashore or been wrecked at this end of the lake and in the St. Lawrence as far east as Cornwall during the past season, and the Donnelly Wrecking Company of Kingston released them all. This figure does not include the sections of the Northwest and Illinois which foundered during the past ten days and were lost. The list is:

May 9th—Barge Gladys H., coal laden, ashore below Cardinal.
May 29—S.S. Westerian, ashore opposite Thousand Island Park.
May 31st—Steamer H. E. Runnels, coal laden, ashore below the North Channel.
June 9th—Barge Melrose, laden with wheat, sunk in Cornwall canal.
June 24th—Barge Selkirk, ashore in Lachine lake.
July 10th—Steamer Arabian, laden with war munitions and supplies

from Chicago to Kingston, or the square timber trade from the upper lake ports to Garden Island, where the cargoes were unloaded, made up into rafts, and floated down the St. Lawrence river and rapids to Quebec, where they were reloaded and sent to the European markets. Most of this trade is a thing of the past.

In the fall of the year snow storms caused great destruction to the grain fleet by stranding. Fully ten sailing vessels have been stranded in one snow storm, on the south side of Amherst Island, by one vessel following the lights of the vessel ahead, the master saying to his crew, "Well, I cannot see where we are going, but I guess the master of that vessel can," and then came to grief.

The modern steel freighters that run over the same course all season can time the distance run so exactly that many of them see no land marks until they are close into the harbors.

When the sailing vessels went ashore on Lake Ontario laden with grain very little thought was given of salvaging the cargo. Steam pumps were placed on board and the cargo was pumped overboard until the boat was lightened enough to be pulled off by a wrecking tug. Now a lighter with a clamshell outfit is placed alongside the wreck and about two tons of wet grain a minute is hoisted out and put in the lighter. The grain is reconditioned by drying and used for feed purposes.

The work requiring the greatest wrecking skill years ago was the salvaging of the passenger steamers of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company after they had grounded in the rapids. In some cases the hull was so badly damaged that the boat was not worth saving, and after the wreckers had removed the machinery out of the wreck, pontoons were built on board the boat and put down in the hold, chained in position and pumped out, which gave buoyancy enough to float the wreck out of the channel. The placing of wooden sheeting over the iron plating of the bottom of those steamers reduced the number of accidents very greatly.

The Donnelly Company.
The Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking Company of Kingston has been connected with this work for the past fifty years without failure. The late Capt. John Donnelly, father of the present head of this company, was master wrecker and partner of Calvin & Brock, of Garden Island, in their salvage work from the early fifties up till 1888, when the Donnelly Salvage and Wrecking Company was incorporated.

The salvaging of the steamer Rosedale by this company, when she went ashore on Charity Shoal, Lake Ontario, late in November, twenty years ago, in three days after the failure of the underwriters to release her, was one of the best pieces of salvage work done in this vicinity up to that time. The work of salvaging the Eugene Zimmerman, sunk in the Soo river in 1906, laden with 9,000 tons of coal, was another Donnelly feat. A false bow 28 feet long and 25 feet deep was built in six days twenty miles from the scene of the accident, floated down and put in place. It was so good a fit that she was pumped out with a ballast pump.

Releasing the steamers Nottingham and Smith, which went ashore in the outer harbor of Buffalo, N.Y., during the hurricane of the 28th of January, 1907, when it was necessary to dredge a channel, 1,800 feet long, 175 to 500 feet wide and twelve feet deep to release them, was another wrecking job that stands to the credit of the Donnelly Company.

For the past few years the master mind of the Donnelly Wrecking Company has been John Donnelly, one of the leading marine men of Canada, who also holds the Queen's University degree of mining engineer. He has had great success in all his marine ventures, and the list given above shows that he has had a busy season.

APPROVE OF CHURCH FEDERATION PLAN

Definite Steps Toward Organic Union Taken by Philadelphia Congress.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—The proposed federation of churches was approved and resolutions recommending the appointment of an interdenominational committee of every Protestant faith and of the home and foreign missionary societies to take definite steps toward organic church union were unanimously adopted by the congress for church unity in session here. Each denomination will have one member on this committee for every 500,000 communicants, acting as delegates at large to a convention to be held in 1920 when it is proposed to take the decisive action on the question. The home and foreign missionary societies also will be represented by one member each.

Chief of Police Nesbitt has not received any word from Hamilton as to the whereabouts of Michael Parslova, on whose warrant Pauline Gussell, of Port Robinson, was arrested in Montreal, charged with stealing \$500 from him when the couple stayed at a boarding house in Kingston last summer.

PAID LARGE BRIBE TO GET EXEMPTION

Witnesses Declare \$2,200 Was Sum Demanded by Montmagny Notary.

Quebec, Dec. 7.—Further evidence of an astonishing character was brought out at the resumption of the enquiry into the charges of trafficking in military service exemptions against George Pion, N.P., of Montmagny, Omer Guay and Captain Goulet, of this city.

Adelard Dube, aged 23 years, of Montmagny, one of the witnesses, swore that Abbe Lafaire, assistant priest at Montmagny, had told him that he (the abbe) had heard that Pion had secured exemption for a number of young men, but that it would cost \$2,000.

The witness and his father had called to see Pion and had later come to Quebec and had met Pion and Guay. They were told on that occasion that the exemption could not be given for less than \$2,200, and the next Sunday, when they went to Pion's home at Montmagny to settle, Pion agreed to cut off \$100.

Albert Dube, father of the witness, corroborated his son's testimony. He said that he had gone to Pion's house one day and had given Pion's wife \$500 in cash and a draft for \$1,600, payable in three months.

Other witnesses testified as to their paying over money to Notary Pion to obtain an exemption from the military service. Mrs. Caron, wife of the owner of the Courier, a weekly paper of Montmagny, stated that Pion offered to get exemption for her son, if she would give him a note for \$1,200. Mrs. Caron said the note was duly turned over to Pion, and paid in full. Mr. Caron testified, corroborating his mother's statements. Mrs. Caron said it was Pion himself who came to her to offer his services as an exemption getter.

"In Flanders Now."

The following answer to Lieut. Col. McCrae's immortal poem appeared in the Calgary Herald of Nov. 23, being contributed by a young Saskatchewan woman whose war poems have been highly appreciated.

In Flanders Now.
(An answer to Lieut. Col. McCrae.)
We have kept faith, ye Flanders' dead,
Sleep well beneath those poppies red,
That mark your place,
The torch your dying hands did throw,
We've held it high before the foe,
And answered bitter blow for blow,
In Flanders' fields,
And where your heroes' blood was spilled,
The guns are now forever stilled,
And silent grown,
There is no moaning of the slain,
There is no cry of tortured pain,
And blood will never flow again
In Flanders' fields.
Forever holy in our sight
Shall be those crosses gleaming white,
That guard your sleep.
Rest you in peace, the task is done,
The fight you left us we have won,
And 'Peace on Earth' has just begun
In Flanders now. —Edna Jaques.

Guelph Doctors Raise Fees.
Guelph, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of Guelph physicians it was finally decided to increase the fee for a first call from \$2 to \$2.50, and that for subsequent calls from \$1 to \$1.50. Some of the doctors claimed that they actually lost money on many of their calls into the country, and the rates for country calls were increased considerably. The new fees will go into effect at once.

H. Chabot, Ottawa, will spend two and a half years in the penitentiary for abducting young girls and taking them to Montreal. His conduct was foul.

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