

New types of mechanically propelled vehicles for the army have been evolved by co-operation between departmental officers and the automotive industry. Substantial numbers have been delivered and are in use.

A small number of tanks, armoured cars, anti-tank guns, etc. have been acquired for instructional purposes, and others are shortly to be delivered.

Anti-tank rifles have been issued to permanent schools of instruction and advice has been received that a sufficient supply is on the way to enable two to be issued to each infantry battalion and one to each cavalry regiment.

A new and modern system of fortification works has been established on the Pacific Coast guarding the important Vancouver-Victoria terminal and defence base on the Pacific Coast. A system of new batteries has been constructed together with other shore defence facilities. Experts now rate Vancouver as being among the half dozen best defended places in the world.

The almost equally vital Prince Rupert railhead is to be protected by a similar system of fortification works now under construction.

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