

These comprised Canada's fleet. In 1922 the Aurora and the two submarines were sold, although four minesweepers built during the war were recommissioned. They were the Festubert and the Ypres, stationed on the East Coast, and the Armentieres and Thiepval on the West. During 1922, R.C.N. personnel totalled 366 officers and men.

In that year the Royal Canadian Naval College was closed. 150 officers had graduated from the Naval College. The classes had been small, but the standards were of the highest.

The fact that the Royal Canadian Navy had no pension system for enlisted men did not stimulate interest in the Navy as a career. This most unfair situation was remedied in 1926.

In this year also the Patrician and the Patriot were decommissioned. The British Admiralty lent the R.C.N. two nine-year old destroyers, the Champlain and the Vancouver, pending the construction of two new destroyers.

In 1928 the title of the highest ranking Naval Officer in the Canadian Naval Service was changed from Director of Naval Service to Chief of the Naval Staff.

The minesweeper Thiepval was lost during 1930 when it struck an uncharted rock in Barkley Sound, B.C. The minesweeper Ypres was placed on reserve in 1932 and her sister ship, the Festubert, three years later.

In 1931 two new destroyers, H.M.C.S. Saguenay and H.M.C.S. Skeena were commissioned. Contrary to the original plan to return them to England, the Vancouver and the Champlain were also retained.

Appointment of Commodore Nelles

Commander Hoser retired in 1934 and was succeeded by the present chief of Naval Staff, Commodore (now Vice-Admiral) Nelles.