



*The Fort Walsh*, former wartime Fairmile, second largest type of vessel currently in use by the RCMP.

These will replace the Bangor "Commissioner" Class currently in service, which may be termed the "big ships" of the division. Steady, dependable and respected minesweepers during wartime service the Bangors are capable of great endurance and able to remain at sea during the most severe winter gales. The new "big ships" slightly longer, will be modern, speedier and more versatile than the former wartime minesweepers. Replacements for the 112-foot Fairmiles are still in the planning stage. For inshore coastal patrols a single-screw 60-foot patrol boat was designed. Its counterpart on the Great Lakes is a 49-foot high speed patrol boat, the first of which was launched in November 1954. (See *RCMP Quarterly*, April 1955.) Both these craft will serve the purposes previously filled by the Naval Harbour Defence Patrol Craft.

During this year the first of the 60-foot patrol boats will be launched and two more of the high speed craft for Great Lakes service are also expected to be completed. Construction on the first of the 165-foot ships will also commence this year while two 92-foot vessels, one for the West Coast and one for Newfoundland service are currently under construction and may be commissioned this year. A single-screw diesel 48-foot patrol boat will be commissioned during 1955 also and this particular craft is for operations along the south coast of Newfoundland. Seven 35-foot general utility boats have already been constructed under "Marine" Division supervision for service on the north Newfoundland and Labrador coasts as well as two 40-foot class cargo boats for Northern service.

Born out of necessity in the days of smuggling, the "Marine" Division served

*The Carnduff*, former Naval Harbor Defence Patrol Boat.

