

- (j) H.M.C.S. "RAYON D'OR" sailed from Halifax for Sydney, N.S., where she will be employed as a minesweeper for the present.

5. Stores

- (a) The equipment purchased by the Naval Stores amounted this week to \$460,106. The items included 19 Asdics and large quantities of clothing and wearing apparel.
- (b) An Admiralty typed recording, echo sounder was ordered by the Department of Munitions and Supply to be delivered immediately from stock to the Naval Store Officer, H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax.

6. General

- (a) In the Foreign Intelligence Section at Naval Service Headquarters, 124 sheets of intercepts were sent to the Admiralty.
- (b) Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies, has asked for a vessel suitable for towing coil skids as protection against magnetic mines in shallow waters. The Operations Division at Naval Service Headquarters is endeavouring to locate a ship which will fulfill these requirements.
- (c) Until further orders, British and Allied Merchant vessels are not being permitted to call at ports in French Antilles or French Guiana.
- (d) Efforts are being made to hold vessels of Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian registry in British ports pending decision by the British Government as to their status and disposition. Four vessels of Estonian registry are at present in Canadian ports, while one Estonian and two Latvian ships are known to be en route to Dominion ports.
- (e) Many requests from the British Ministry of Shipping have been received to supply defensive equipment to small vessels of Norwegian and Danish registry. Plans are being formulated to equip these smaller ships with the Lewis gun. Because the supply of this type of gun is very limited in Canada, it will be impossible to fulfill all requests.
- (f) Instructions have been received from the Admiralty regarding a more permanent degaussing. The number of vessels to be degaussed in Canada in the future will depend on whether or not the Admiralty still insists this permanent degaussing be carried out. The new equipment takes longer to install and is more costly than the former material. This will result in delaying convoys sailing from Canadian ports, if it is to be fitted. The matter has been taken up with the Admiralty.