

On July 12, 1940, Hon. Angus I. Macdonald became the first

Canadian Minister for the Navy.

Previously, Naval Services had been looked after by the

Minister of National Defence. One Deputy Minister had

occupied himself with both Navy and Air Force until 1939,

1940, when he devoted all his time to the Navy. With the

organization of the new Department of National Defence (Naval

Services) this man (Lt.-Col. R.S. Macdonald) continued as the

Naval Deputy Minister. He resigned his position in November

of 1941, to go on active service with the R.C.M. as a Lieutenant

Commander, and was succeeded by the present Deputy Minister,

Mr. W.G. Miller.

A Naval Board was set up on January 25, 1942. Until this time

the Chief of the Naval Staff was responsible for details of

training, operation and equipment. The Board acts in an advisory

capacity to the Minister of Naval Services, and is responsible

for general naval policy.

The structure of the Canadian Naval Board roughly corresponds to

the British Board of Admiralty, and its members to the British

see table.

Members of the Board:

Minister

Honourable Angus I. Macdonald

Deputy Minister

Mr. W.G. Miller (First Naval Member)

Chief of the Naval Staff

Vice-Admiral P.H. Walker, C.B. (First Naval Member)

Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff

Vice-Admiral G.C. Jones (Second Naval Member)

Chief of Naval Personnel

Comdr. R.A. Murray (Third Naval Member)

Chief of Naval Armaments and Supply

Comdr. G.C. Wright (Fourth Naval Member)