

4. Works

- (a) A total of 111 ships were inspected at D.E.M.S. ports throughout Canada during the week. These inspections were carried out at the following ports: 62 at Halifax, 20 at Sydney, 19 at Montreal, 4 at Esquimalt, 3 at Quebec and 3 at Saint John.
- (b) The Cable Ship "JOHN W. MACKAY" has been taken in hand for arming at Halifax, while the Norwegian vessel BLOMMERDYK is in hand at Dartmouth, N.S., for completion of D.E.M.S. equipment. Similar work on the HOYANGER, also of Norwegian registry, was begun at Esquimalt.
- (c) One hundred and six vessels (106) were inspected for degaussing; 96 of these were reported as satisfactory, 6 unsatisfactory and 4 as requiring repairs of varying degrees. The extent of these repairs was such that they could be executed in Canada without difficulty. Three of the 6 vessels reported as unsatisfactory have had their degaussing gear improved and have since sailed from Canada in a state of efficiency.
- (d) During the week a contract for the construction of a W/T Receiving Station at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, to cost \$11,947 was awarded to N. Sullivan & Son; the anticipated completion date is four weeks after the commencement of work.
- (e) Department of Public Works is preparing plans for the construction of an extension to the Depot Machine Shop at Halifax. The estimated cost of the project is, as yet, to be determined.
- (f) Department of Public Works has issued a call for tenders for the construction of a General Store at Halifax.
- (g) On the West Coast, the contract for the construction of an extension to the Dockyard jetty at Esquimalt has been awarded to the Victoria Pile Driver Company, Victoria, B.C. The estimated cost of the project is \$105,000.
- (h) The refit of the following vessels was completed during the week:
  - (1) H.M.C.S. "BRAS D'OR"; cost \$6,865; work began July 5th, 1940.
  - (2) H.M.C.S. "FLEURS DE LIS"; cost \$2,707; work began July 16th, 1940.
- (i) H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" successfully completed all trials on August 5th, 1940. Her mean speed was recorded as 21.76 knots, a rate which, it is hoped, will be improved when her trim is adjusted.