

There are no such doubts today. Public opinion is solidly behind the government's policy of building up a strong system of national defence for Canada.

Great progress has been made in the task itself.

The 1937 appropriation was duplicated in 1938, and this year (1939) Parliament authorized defence expenditures of more than \$85,000,000.

This latter sum covers \$60,000,000 of direct expenditures within the fiscal year, \$22,000,000 to complete payment in future years on contracts to be initiated this year, and about \$3,500,000 for the purpose of financing that part of the outlay which is regarded as of a capital nature.

The results of these expenditures may best be described in relation to each service.

NAVAL SERVICE

The Royal Canadian Navy now has six modern destroyers in commission and a flotilla leader is being added this year.

Four new minesweepers and a training schooner, all built in Canadian shipyards, are in service.

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