

projects in peacetime. Naval appropriations for the six years before the war were:

1933-34.....	\$2,422,000
1934-35.....	2,222,000
1935-36.....	2,395,000
1936-37.....	4,853,000
1937-38.....	4,485,000
1938-39.....	6,639,000

It will be seen from these figures that, although they increased year by year, the scope of the R.C.N. at the beginning of the war was most limited.

The entire cost of the navy in 1939, just before the outbreak of war, was less than half the cost of the Harbour Bridge, Montreal. Still, the naval staff made such preparations as it could for the battle whose coming appeared more certain every day. Once war did break out, Canada's naval strength in ships and men grew very quickly until, today, Canada is the third largest naval power among the United Nations.