

They will replace H.M.C. Destroyers "Nootka", "Haida", "Athabaskan" and "Crescent", which are to be paid off into reserve. "Nootka", "Haida" and "Athabaskan", all Tribal class ships, will be taken in hand for refit and re-equipment, as will H.M.C.S. "Iroquois", a ship of the same class, which was brought into active commission this summer to assist with the Reserve sea training programme. She had served previously as depot ship for the Reserve Fleet at Halifax.

Physical Education Director: Ernest Lee, 42, Director of Physical Education and Recreation for the Province of British Columbia since 1946, has been appointed National Director of Physical Fitness in the Department of National Health and Welfare and Chairman of the National Council of Physical Fitness.

Living Costs Rise: The Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index advanced from 162.1 to 162.8 between July 2 and August 1, 1949. As in the preceding month, the increase was mainly attributable to higher prices for foods. The index for this series rose two points to 209.2, reflecting substantially higher prices for eggs, coupled with small advances for pork products. These increases overweighted other foods which were mainly unchanged to lower.

Department Store Sales: Department store sales in Canada in July -- Newfoundland excluded -- were up four per cent over the same month last year.

Across Canada: A motion to change the name of the Church of England in Canada was shelved for at least three years yesterday after the Upper and Lower Houses of the General Synod split in a standing vote.... The leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Mr. Drew, returned to his desk in Ottawa yesterday...Almost 40,000 new homes were built in Canada during the first six months of 1949, as completion of new homes increased 30 per cent over last year, the Bureau of Statistics reported.

NOTE: With this issue, publication of the "Airmail Bulletin" is being discontinued.