

**U.S. NAVY DAY MESSAGE:** The following message was sent by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, to the Hon. John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the United States Navy, on the occasion of U.S. Navy Day, October 27:

"The occasion of U.S. Navy Day brings to mind the close co-operation between the navies of the United States and Canada as exemplified by the current visit of five ships of the Royal Canadian Navy to Pearl Harbour. The exercises carried out in concert with your ships have been of great value and officers and men of the R.C.N. have greatly enjoyed working with their opposite numbers in the U.S. fleet. Please accept my best wishes for the continued success of the U.S. Navy and warmest personal regards".

In replying to Mr. Claxton's message, Vice-Admiral E.C. Ewen, U.S. Navy Chief of Public Relations, stated on behalf of Mr. Sullivan:

"The Secretary, officers and men of the United States Navy sincerely appreciate your kind message on the occasion of Navy Day, 1948. The friendly relationships and mutual understanding of the Canadian people and those of the United States are most certainly cemented more firmly by such expressions of good will and neighbourliness as your message conveyed."

**WHALER RACE:** Crews from H.M.C.S. "Ontario" won the first three places in a whaler race held by the Canadian ships during a U.S. Navy Week regatta at Pearl Harbour.

As an added highlight, nursing sisters from the U.S. Navy base "signed aboard" the whalers as crew members and, after overcoming certain misgivings as to the seaworthiness of the Canadian whalers, proved to be excellent sailors.

The 14-mile race from Honolulu sea buoy to the finish line within the Harbour was won by "Ontario's" midshipmen's crew. Coxswain was Midshipman John Belcher, Toronto, and the other crew members were Midshipman A.A. Henley, Vancouver; Midshipman D.B. Steel, Preston, Ont., and Nursing Sister Janet Duerra. Inches behind were "Ontario" whalers skippered, respectively, by Lieut. (E) Roy Smith, R.C.N., of Hamilton, and C.P.O. Peter Cox, Victoria.

The winning boat received from the United States Navy a special Pearl Harbour trophy.

**FINANCING OF MOTOR VEHICLES UP:** Financing of motor vehicle sales in Canada is rising, with a major part of the increase in used vehicle transactions.

During the first nine months of this year a total of 116,203 vehicles were financed as against 85,511 in the same period last year, an increase of 36 per cent, the Bureau of Statistics reports, and the financed value was \$107,296,750 compared with \$77,033,602, a slightly larger increase of 39 per cent. Figures for September were 13,009 units with a

financed value of \$12,093,584 compared with 11,495 at \$10,666,437 last year, an advance of 13 per cent for each.

New vehicle financing was five per cent lower in September this year than in 1947 at 4,208 compared with 4,425 vehicles, with the amount of financing showing a somewhat larger decline, and the decrease was chiefly in commercial vehicles, which were off nearly 12 per cent in number. Over the nine months, new vehicle financing was substantially higher than in 1947, with 37,886 units financed as against 32,966 last year. Commercial vehicles accounted for 17,096 of this year's total, showing an increase of 21 per cent compared with a gain of 10 per cent for passenger cars.

Number of used vehicles financed in September was 25 per cent above last year, at 8,801 against 7,070 units, with activity particularly evident in passenger cars.

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES:** Reversing the downward trend of the two preceding months, retail sales of new motor vehicles moved up sharply in September, but were still below last year's level. The month's sales totalled 18,654 units compared with 13,187 in August, 15,523 in July and 23,491 in September last year. In the first nine months of this year, 153,773 units were sold, nine per cent lower than the 168,270 sold in the same period of 1947.

**CANADA SAVINGS BONDS:** Payroll Savings purchases of Canada Savings Bonds showed a cumulative total of \$90,574,350 this week, it was announced November 4 by the Bank of Canada. With many reports still to be received and a large number of canvasses still incomplete, it was regarded as almost certain that total payroll sales would exceed last year's mark of \$109,000,000 and might even equal the First Series record of \$114,000,000.

**SIGNALS DAY:** From coast to coast on Saturday November 6, many members and ex-members of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals will observe "Signals Day". In centres throughout the country, men who saw service with the Corps since its inception will gather for reunions in the form of social functions, parades, receptions, meetings and church services, Col. A.E. Wrinch, Director of Signals, said in Ottawa November 3.

**DR. LANGLOIS APPOINTMENT:** Dr. Marcel Langlois, Quebec City, Professor of Paediatrics at Laval University, has been appointed by the Civil Service Commission as a paediatrics specialist in the Child and Maternal Health division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, Hon. Paul Martin announced here November 4.

**TV LICENSING POSTPONED:** The Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on November 3 announced that recommendations on applications for television broadcasting stations in Canada has been deferred pending study of the possibility of developing the new medium on a co-operative basis.

The following is partial text of the statement issued by the Board:

"...The Board is more and more convinced of the great potentialities of television for Canada if soundly developed from technical, economic and cultural points of view. It believes that television will become a very important social force. It is convinced that the soundness of future development will be profoundly affected by the first steps taken. It notes particularly the very few channels available in the present band of the frequency spectrum, and feels that care should be taken at the present in establishing monopoly positions that will likely be of great importance in the future."

**ECONOMIC RESOURCES**

"The Board was very interested in representations made at its public meeting against granting present applications and in favour of initial co-operative development in which private broadcasting interests would participate with the national system. It was held that such a plan might enable broadcasting organizations not commanding very large financial resources to take some part in the earlier stages of television. The Board believes that a number of broadcasters may be interested in the possibility of such initial development. The Board is particularly interested in this suggestion, because it believes that sound development of television broadcasting in Canada, particularly in the early stages, will require a concentration of economic resources through public and private channels.

"The Board has noted that in the United States the Federal Communications Commission has deferred for an indefinite period all action on pending television applications to allow for a thorough investigation of technical questions related to the allocation and use of frequencies for television. This 'freeze' was decided on because of evidence that existing standards did not take into account the most recent technical experience in the field of 'very high' and 'ultra high' frequencies. Canada has on the whole adapted similar standards, and the current FCC investigation may have a definite influence on the technical problem of television development in this country. The Board is of the opinion that deferment of action at the present moment in Canada will also be wise in the public interest from a technical point of view, and may help assure good investment by listeners in receivers.

"In view of all the foregoing the Board recommends deferment of these applications.

"In particular, the Board wishes to make an

examination of the possibilities of such initial co-operative developments under which private organizations interested would participate with the national system."

"It believes that there is need for thorough study on behalf of the public of the many factors and implications involved in the initiation and development of television, with all due attention to Canadian conditions and needs which are quite different from those of other countries."

**ON BOARD H.M.C.S. "ONTARIO", NOVEMBER 5:**

At 9:30 A.M. this morning (Honolulu Time), H.M.C. Ships "Ontario", "Cayuga", "Athabaskan", "Crescent" and "Antigonish" slipped their berths at Pearl Harbour and proceeded seaward. The Squadron's departure from the U.S. Naval base on the Island of Oahu brought to a close a 16-day stint of operations in Hawaiian waters. It also marked the close of unbounded hospitality given by the community for men of the Canadian Navy during their normal leaves ashore. As the ships steamed past Diamond Head, outward bound, the old tradition of casting leis in the water was observed.

During their Hawaiian stay training exercises kept the more than 1,300 men of the R.C.N. squadron on the go each day. Many more exercises are in store before the ships reach Esquimalt November 13. On leaving Pearl Harbour the Canadian training squadron will again be attacked by submarines, with U.S. combat aircraft assisting in operations against the underwater craft. Steaming north and eastward for Esquimalt, the five ships will carry out squadron exercises daily. Night exercises, gunnery drills and firing, and plotting exercises will be some of the assignments undertaken during the 2,360 mile run home.

**GUNNERY STAFF COURSE:** A 26-weeks gunnery staff course in anti-aircraft artillery, first of its kind to be held in Canada, opened this week at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) at Picton, Ont.

Army Headquarters said November 4 that the object of the course is to qualify Active Force non-commissioned officers as assistant instructors in gunnery in the anti-aircraft field. In the past, this qualification could only be obtained by Canadian Army personnel subsequent to attendance at Royal Artillery schools in the United Kingdom.

**CANADA TREASURY BILLS:** On behalf of the Minister of Finance it was announced at noon, November 4, that Tenders had been accepted for the full amount of \$75,000,000 Government of Canada Treasury Bills due February 4, 1949. The average discount price of the accepted bids was \$99.89722 and the average yield was .413%.