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is interpreted in its broadest sense, and as a result we would be without information on a great many ship-movements were it not for the reports made by our B.R.T.O.'s. These reports are summarized thrice daily and are sent to the Admiralty.

8. Complete records are maintained of all merchant ships coming to or departing from the Ottawa area. For merchant-ship reporting purposes this area includes the West Indies, Panama Canal and the Caribbean in addition to the North American continent.

9. Under the system of inter-station vesceas and route signals, N.S.H.Q. is responsible for informing the interested authorities in contiguous areas of ships proceeding to their areas. However, since the last report, the Australian and New Zealand Naval Boards have intimated that they are now receiving all the required information from the U.S. authorities; consequently N.S.H.Q. has ceased sending inter-station vesceas and routes for ships sailing to ports in the south-west Pacific.

10. Efforts are being made to secure more space in fast troopships for the transporting of mail to the troops overseas. It is hoped that ships sailing from both U.S. and Canadian ports will be able to take more of this mail than heretofore.

Movements of Wabana - Sydney, N.S. Ore Vessels for the Quarter Ending 30th September, 1943

11. During this quarter 67 vessels have sailed from Wabana in 28 convoys and have carried a total of approximately 367,500 tons of iron ore to Sydney.

The total tonnage of ore moved to Sydney since the beginning of the present season (May 4th) is 620,500 tons.

The estimated requirements for the 1943 season are approximately 1,000,000 tons.

It will thus be necessary to move 126,000 tons per month for the remaining three months of 1943 in order to meet the above requirements.

Movements to & from Goose Bay during the Quarter Ending 30 September, 1943

12. During this quarter 21 vessels sailed to Goose Bay from Quebec in six convoys and 20 vessels proceeded from Goose Bay in six convoys.

Movements of Tankers under the Direction of the Canadian Oil Controller for the Quarter 1 July to 30 Sept., 1943

13. Trade Division keeps in touch with the Canadian Oil Controller and his representatives and closely watches the movements of tankers assigned to the Canadian Service.