

- (g) The British Ministry of Shipping in New York reports that in the United States last week the installation of degaussing gear in 3 vessels was completed and that 6 vessels were in hand for repairs to their gear.
- (h) Eleven ships are expected shortly for fitting with degaussing gear in American ports. Some of these are already in hand.
- (i) Minor repairs to H.M.S. "ASCANIA", H.M.S. "AUSONIA" and H.M.S. "RANPURA" were carried out last week at Halifax Dockyard under instructions from the Admiralty.
- (j) An investigation is being made in an attempt to reduce the cost of the construction of the Central Store at Halifax. Currently, the cost is set at \$265,777.
- (k) Two motor vessels "GANNEFF" and "CORTICELLI" have been requisitioned for the Commander-in-Chief, American and West Indies Station, and will be converted to coil skid sweepers. (See "SHIPS" above).
- (l) The refit of H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" has been considerably delayed owing to the lack of power, etc., occasioned by air raids. A definite completion date for the work cannot yet be set.
- (m) Two vessels, "LOOS" and "CHEDABUCTO" are being inspected and appraised with a view to requisitioning them as Gate Vessels.
- (n) The Department of Transport vessel "DRUID" will be taken over about October 15th and will be used as a boom working vessel. Barge No. 6 at Sorel is also being considered for similar work.
- (o) H. M. C. S. "COUGAR" was commissioned on September 11th. Work on the conversion of the ship to an Auxiliary Patrol vessel was completed on August 27th last.

5. Stores

The equipment purchased by the Naval Stores amounted this week to \$150,995.