

### Subsection 2.—The Naval Service.

The Naval Service of Canada was established by the Naval Service Act, 1910 (9-10 Edw. VII, c. 43), the main provisions of which were described in the Year Book of 1910, pp. xxvi-xxix.

The Department of Naval Service was amalgamated with the Department of Militia and Defence and the Canadian Air Board, to form the Department of National Defence, in 1922.

The Royal Canadian Navy and its Reserve Forces are under the direction of the Chief of the Naval Staff, who is a member of the Defence Council. The Service consists of:—

1. Headquarters at Ottawa (permanent);
2. Royal Canadian Navy (permanent);
3. Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (non-permanent);
4. Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (non-permanent).

**Royal Canadian Navy.**—The Royal Canadian Navy has an authorized complement of 104 officers and 792 ratings. A large majority of the men of the R.C.N. are serving under 7-years' engagements. A small proportion consists of specialist gunnery, torpedo, and engine room ratings, lent from the Royal Navy, and a small proportion are ex-petty officers of the Royal Navy and men serving under special service engagements of from one to five years.

A proportion of the officers of the Royal Canadian Navy serves periodically in ships of the Royal Navy, to acquire experience in capital ships, light cruisers etc., and training courses are arranged for selected officers at the instructional schools of the Royal Navy to qualify in war staff, gunnery, torpedo, wireless, and other duties. Courses for selected men in the gunnery, torpedo and mechanical training schools of the Royal Navy are similarly arranged.

The ships of the Royal Canadian Navy are:—

- H.M.C.S. *Champlain* (destroyer—in commission).
  - H.M.C.S. *Vancouver* (destroyer—in commission);
  - H.M.C.S. *Thiepval* (minesweeper—in commission);
  - H.M.C.S. *Armentières* (minesweeper—in commission);
  - H.M.C.S. *Festubert* (minesweeper—in commission);
  - H.M.C.S. *Ypres* (minesweeper—in commission).
- Two new destroyers, H.M.C.S. *Saguenay* and H.M.C.S. *Skeena* are under construction for the R.C.N.

Naval training establishments, comprising: naval barracks; gunnery drill sheds, with all modern appliances for teaching gun-laying, sight-setting, etc.; parade grounds; and other equipment, are maintained at Halifax and Esquimalt. Naval dockyards, with work shops, etc., for refitting and supplying necessary stores to H.M.C. ships, are also maintained at Halifax and Esquimalt.

**Royal Canadian Naval Reserve.**—The establishment of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve is 70 officers and 430 men recruited from amongst sea-faring personnel. Officers have been appointed to act as registrars at Halifax, Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, Vancouver.

Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve attend naval training at Halifax and Esquimalt for 42 days for the first year of enrolment and for 14 days annually or biennially thereafter. They are permitted to volunteer for service afloat up to a maximum of six months during each period of enrolment. The period of enrolment in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve is five years.