

MARINE AND SHIPPING

1100 Jap Fishing Vessels
Sold at Cost of \$25,000

Costs and repairs to Japanese fishboats seized on this coast at the outbreak of war by naval authorities, as result of weather and other damage, was \$90,000, according to the report of the disposal committee, just tabled at Ottawa.

The report states that more than 1100 vessels were dealt with, and a business of approximately one and one-quarter million dollars was carried out, at a total official expense of less than \$25,000. This included surveyor and all other incidental costs.

Of the 1100 vessels 887 were sold through the committee, and the balance were turned over to the custodian of alien enemy property when the vessel disposal committee closed its doors a couple of months ago.

AVERAGE PRICES.

The committee sold 53 seiners at an average \$5700 each; 57 trollers at something over \$1200 each; 64 packers for \$2275 each; 58 cod boats at \$740, and 625 gill-net boats at \$620.

The report estimates that over 90 per cent. of these boats found their way back to commercial fishing—this time in the hands of white or native Indian men.

Some very fine fishing vessels were taken from the Japanese, large, powerful, modern sea-going craft. The three finest were the Kuroshio, the Arashio, and the Howe Sound. They sold respectively for \$22,000, \$21,800 and \$21,000.

The committee, which consisted of Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, as chairman; Commander B. L. Johnson, D.S.O., R.C.N.; and Kishigo Kimura, is warmly commended for its work in handling the difficult situation. Commendation also is voiced for A. E. McMaster, executive officer in charge, and of the staff he developed.

The vessels were sold, first through voluntary negotiations direct between the owners and purchasers, with the committee organization as final arbiter; secondly, through compulsion. Some owners refused to sell,

and the committee then took charge and transferred the vessels to the custodian of enemy property.

The forced sales totalled 150 craft, which realized \$72,000. The official survey price set the value of these boats at \$60,000, and the committee had suggested \$70,000, so it is felt the Japanese owners obtained a very fair price through the channels of the custodian department.

SEVERE TEST
FOR TANK SHIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP) — The Quebec, second welded tanker launched by the Henry Kaiser Swan Island Shipyard, was scheduled for its toughest test today at the company's outfitting dock.

The vessel completed its trial run last night and today central tanks were to be emptied and fore and aft tanks loaded with ballast in what A. R. Nieman, yards' manager, said was tantamount to an effort to break the ship in two.

The first tanker from the yards, the Schenectady, did break in two, cracking apart amidships and sinking while tied up at the outfitting dock.

The cause if known has not been announced, but Lewis Luckenbach, president of the American Bureau of Shipping, one of the investigating agencies, said in an interview that welded ships were inflexible and were liable to crack.

The ship did not crack its welds, but split at the centre of plates. Luckenbach said it would not have happened to a riveted ship.

TIDES

Wednesday's Tides.

Harbor—	High	6:20 a.m.	12.4
	Low	11:51 a.m.	8.6
	High	4:26 p.m.	10.5
	Low	11:44 p.m.	1.9
First Narrows	High	6:50 a.m.	
Slack—	Low	12:15 p.m.	
	High	4:35 p.m.	
English Bay—	High	6:10 a.m.	12.8
	Low	11:35 a.m.	9.1
	High	3:55 p.m.	11.0
	Low	11:11 p.m.	2.8
Second Narrows slack add 13 minutes to high or low water slack is			

Commander Reed
Retires From Navy Post

Commander A. H. Reed, R.N.R., who has for the past 18 months been naval officer in charge at Prince Rupert, has been retired, and the post is now under Com. D. C. Wallace, R.C.N.R.

Commander Reed was considered past the age limit for service.

Commander Reed has taken up residence at his home on Bowen Island.

Before the war he was harbor master for port of Vancouver.

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