

- (b) *Electrical Reticulation*.—This work is 90 per cent. completed.
- (c) *Conversion of Nos. 1 and 2 Stores Buildings*.—Conversion of these buildings was completed and the buildings occupied by the respective shops.
- (d) *Naval Stores, Phases A, B, and C*.—Phase C buildings were completed and occupied during the year, and all work, with the exception of the salt-water ring main, has been completed.
- (e) *Oil-tanks*.—Splinter proofing was removed from Nos. 1 and 2 tanks and the tanks repainted.
- (f) *Fuel Stowage*.—Bulk fuel stowage Nos. 3 and 4 tunnels were completed and put into use. Nos. 1 and 2 tunnels were completed and are ready for use, all equipment, except filters, having been installed.
- 4. *Property*.—No. 73 Calliope Road was converted into two flats for naval personnel and occupied during the latter part of March.
- 5. *Boom Defence Stowage Area*.—A start has been made on the levelling and surfacing of the boom defence stowage area, and the old marking-off shed transferred from Calliope Wharf is being erected on the area as a workshop.
- 6. *Boiler-shop*.—The floor of the shop was sealed to prevent dust nuisance. The installation of all machines nears completion.
- 7. *Storage*.—The transfer of all stores from the south yard to the new accommodation at the north yard has been completed. The modern accommodation is proving to be extremely economical to operate, and a distinct increase in efficiency is apparent.
- 8. *Fire-protection*.—No major outbreaks of fire occurred during the year. A comprehensive scheme for the protection of the Dockyard area has been approved. This includes automatic alarm sprinkler system and installation of a salt-water and fresh-water main. Fifteen chains of 4 in. main have been laid, and work on this main is 75 per cent. completed. Tenders have been called for the installation of the sprinkler system in the clothing and victualling block.
- 9. *Fuelling Installations*.—Rented tanks have been vacated, and all stocks of fuel oil are now accommodated within the Dockyard area. Four tanks, each of 6,000-tons capacity, are in use and have proved successful. Two service tanks each of 4,500 tons are also in use, making a capacity of 33,000 tons available for stowage of furnace fuel oil. R.F.A. "Nucula," which was formerly utilized as an oil-hulk, was emptied and sold by the War Assets Realization Board.

SECTION XIII.—NAVAL ARMAMENT DEPOTS

During the past year progress has been made in the inspection of and putting in a state of preservation various types of naval armament stores received into depot from ships and other establishments consequent on the cessation of hostilities.

2. The exchange of "Achilles" class cruisers for "Dido" class, together with large quantities of redundant stores held in depot, has created a storage problem which remains acute. The position will right itself on despatch of quantities of ammunition to various Empire depots and by the decision to dump all stocks surplus to Empire requirements.

3. All explosives from the naval magazine at Cass Bay, Lyttelton, have now been transferred to the Naval Armament Depot, Kauri Point, Auckland.

SECTION XIV.—GENERAL EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY

As the year under review is the first complete year of peace, the Education Section has been mainly concerned with transition to the educational requirements of peacetime. In the main, the past year has been devoted to planning and consolidation, and, although complete finality has not yet been reached, much real progress has been made.