

Five Million Tons Of War Shipping Built in Canada

Vancouver, Aug. 9 (CP). — Five million tons of shipping is the all-time record Canadian shipbuilders will have hung up on their scoreboards Saturday when HMS Mull of Oa, a 10,000-ton Royal Navy maintenance ship built at North Vancouver Ship Repairs, Ltd., will be launched.

The "floating-workshop" for the British Admiralty will serve in the war against Japan to back up naval invasion forces. She will carry machine shops, pattern shops, electrical shop, radar and optical departments, foodstuffs, clothing, general supplies and a large sick bay with a full-time medical officer and staff.

Mull of Oa is one of 20 maintenance ships being produced in British Columbia shipyards, in addition to 59 transport ferries also selected for Far East service.

This country's production has included, according to latest official figures, 363 large merchant ships, 773 naval vessels and 4,350 smaller craft of various kinds.

Heading the list of distinguished speakers who will take part in the historic launching ceremony will be Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes, CB, CBE, DSO, newly appointed chief of the Canadian Army General Staff.

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