

1. **MESSAGE FROM THE
ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FLEET.**

The objects of *Papers on Engineering Subjects* are to keep Engineer Officers up to date with the latest developments in the types of machinery which they are likely to be called on to run and maintain, and to provide a means for the interchange of ideas and experiences in the operation of this machinery.

Since the inception of these *Papers*, a quarter of a century ago, considerable advances have been made in the science of engineering, but in some branches progress in this country has lagged, and a period of intensive effort lies ahead if our position in the engineering world is to be maintained.

The next decade is therefore likely to be one of outstanding interest, and it is essential that Naval Engineer officers should be fully informed of developments which are taking place, in order that they may play their part.

The second object can only be attained if fleet engineer officers contribute their share by raising matters of interest in accordance with A.F.O. 1581/45.

With goodwill on both sides, it is hoped to be able to continue the quarterly issue of these *Papers* as at present.

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