

SALVAGE FROM THE SEA.

Near the Mouth of the Wanganui River on the North Island of New Zealand before the War, the stranded PORT BOWEN was having her cargo taken ashore. As the 8600 ton vessel settled herself into her sandy grave, a jetty was built out from the sandhills and, the cargo retrieved after which she was to be left to break up. Then came the war. After months of pounding by the seas the vessel which by now had drifted from the original jetty became a thing of importance again. Gangs of skilled workmen started dismantling her of brass, copper and bronze fittings, iron work and steel plates. The demand for metal to build aeroplanes, ships, guns and tanks brought the PORT BOWEN back from the grave. They stripped her down to the last rivet. Even a Chancellor of the Exchequer could hardly have picked the bones cleaner.