

Catharines Sea Cadet Corps " H.M.S. Renown " The Kinsmen Club formed within itself a Sea Cadet Committee composed of L. J. Washer Chairman, Ray Morningstar Secretary-Treasurer. and T.E.Bingham, Frank Hanna, H.L.McInnes, Herbert Stanley, J.Dunn, Jim Wismer & Jack Peacock.

This committee and the Kinsmen Club as a whole took their responsibility seriously from the beginning. The committee found that the building then used as a ship by the corps, only 30 ft by 27 ft in area. was entirely inadequate for the Corp's use. They decided that the Corps should have adequate quarters, worthy of the energy and spirit of the young men who comprised its membership. Many weeks were spent looking for a suitable building, but none could be found. The committee then decided that an entirely new Ship should be built, in a new location.

It approached the City Council, headed by Mayor Daly, who , enthused and inspired by Len. Washer and his committee, called in Martin H. Laird, Chief City Assessor, to see what city property would be suitable for such a project.

Chief Assessor Laird became enthused at once and not only picked out the land below the Burgoyne Bridge, which is such a natural setting for the ship, but stayed enthused to the extent of co-operating with the committee in every way, and finally joined the H.M.S.Renown Corps as second in command, he being a retired officer of the Royal Navy