

The area of the land, leased by the City of St. Catharines to the Kinsmen Club of St. Catharines, The Sea Cadets of St. Catharines and the Navy League of Canada, for \$ 1.00 " at the pleasure of the City Council, is 900 ft long by 500 ft at its widest point, narrowed down to 120 ft at the end farthest from the bridge.

Plans for the building were prepared by Mr. Robert C. MacBeth, the architect, and after being approved by the Navy League, under whose support and control all Sea Cadet Corps in Canada are operated, the work of preparing the land and building the " ship " commenced in May 1941.

Every Company and person who had equipment or skill that could be employed on the work was pressed into service by the tireless committee to put this great scheme over, and in very truth, it became a community project.

Mr. Coupland of Lincoln Motors supplied the tractor and plow with a man to operate them to plow up the land first of all. The Massey Harris and International Harvester Dealer also lent a tractor, plows and discs. Mr. Harold Cope of the Cope Construction Co. of Hamilton then working on the St. Catharines Section of the Queen Elizabeth Highway, supplied a power tractor grader and operator, levelling the ground over a period of seven days at no cost to the committee.

A contractor was needed to superintend the work of building the land ship