

of St. Catherines, 'H.M.S. Renown', under the auspices of the Ontario Division of the Navy League of Canada. The Kinsmen Club appointed within itself a Sea Cadet Committee under the chairmanship of that popular St. Catherines business man, Len. Washer.

"The Committee decided that the ~~present~~ Sea Cadet quarters were not adequate. They decided to build the Corps a new headquarters. From that stage on it became a community effort on the part of the citizens of St. Catherines, directed by Len. Washer and his Committee, composed of Ray Morningstar, secretary-treasurer, T.E. Bingham, Frank Hanna, H.L. McInnes, Herbert Stanley, J. Dunn, Jim Wismer and Jack Peacock.

"The City Council, headed by Mayor Daley, was asked for a suitable piece of land. The matter was placed in the hands of Chief Assessor Laird who picked out the site below the Burgoyne Bridge. The Council leased it to the the Kinsmen Club, the Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League for the sum of one dollar. Chief Assessor Laird became so enthused over the project that he not only co-operated in every way but joined the Corps as second in command, being a former Royal Navy officer.

"Everyone who had materials or skill was commandeered to help in the job of building the ship.