

## REPLICA OF RENOWN IS SEA CADET PRIDE

Lieut.-Governor Will Open  
Land Battleship Headquar-  
ters of St. Catharines Boys

### Special to The Star

St. Catharines, Oct. 24—The new headquarters of the St. Catharines Sea Cadets a replica of H.M.S. Renown, in Kinavy park, will be officially opened Sunday by Hon. Albert Matthews, lieutenant governor of Ontario. The building and park will be dedicated by Lieutenant the Rev. William Hills, Toronto naval chaplain.

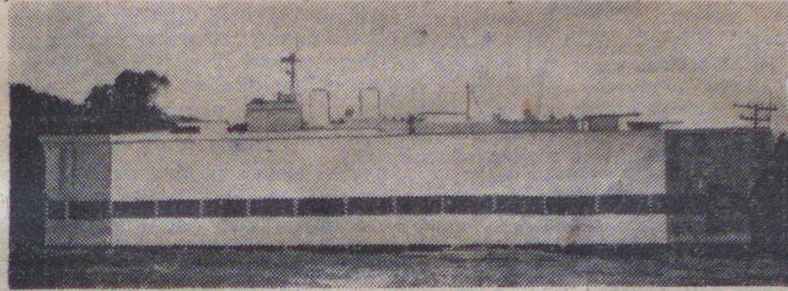
The land "battleship" and Kinavy park represent a unique example of community spirit. The project, valued at \$7,000, cost but \$1,700. Materials and labor estimated at \$5,200 were provided free of charge.

The replica of the Renown, 120 feet in length, painted with realistic waves and portholes, and equipped with armaments, funnels and other deck-fittings, is a false-front for a 90-foot drill hall, lecture room and officers' quarters.

In conjunction with the service there will be a parade in which more than 2,000 sea cadet units from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Welland, St. Catharines and other points, and military and veterans units from throughout the Niagara district will parade.

Lieut.-Col. F. H. Collins, officer commanding the Lincoln and Welland regiment, will be aide to the lieutenant governor.

## Ship That Will Never Sail To Be 'Launched' Tomorrow



### Community Helped "Launch" Ship

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.

**A**N impressive ceremony tomorrow will mark the "launching" of H.M.S. Renown—a ship that will never sail! Built in the form of a British battle cruiser with armaments, funnels and deck fittings all constructed to scale, the Renown is actually a land-ship. It will be used as new headquarters for the Sea Cadet Corps of St. Catharines.

The land-ship is "moored" in Navy Park, below the Burgoyne bridge. The ceremony tomorrow will also mark the official opening of the park, a community project inspired by the men of the Kinsmen club.

Present will be his honor, Lieutenant-Governor Albert Matthews, the Hamilton detachment of the R.C.N.V.R.; detachments of troops from the Niagara camp of M.D. No. 2, totalling 4,000; several hundred Sea Cadets from four Ontario depots; men of the Canadian Legion; Canadian Corps; army and navy veterans; boy scouts and girl guides.

S. C. Lieut. Rev. W. Hills will conduct the dedication service. St. Catharines civic officials, members of the St. Catharines Kinsmen club and leading officials of the

Ontario division of the Navy League of Canada will attend along with senior military and naval officers.

A section of the old Welland canal flows past the stern of the ship and behind the false front of the "vessel" is a magnificent drill-hall 90 feet long. The over-all length of the "ship" is 120 feet. At night the deck of the "ship" will be floodlighted. Off the drill-hall are officers' quarters and class-rooms.

The Kinsmen club of St. Catharines decided that the Sea Cadet Corps should have adequate quarters, worthy of the energy and spirit of the young men who comprised its membership.

It approached the city council, headed by Mayor Daley, who, inspired by Kinsman Len Washer, and his committee, called in Martin H. Laird, chief assessor, to see what city property would be suitable for such a project.

Chief Assessor Laird picked out the land below the Burgoyne bridge. Enthused, he continued to co-operate with the Kinsmen committee in every way, and finally joined the H.M.S. Renown as second in command, being a retired officer of the Royal Navy!

Plans for the building were prepared by Robert I. 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.

Every company and every person who had equipment or skill that could be employed on the work were pressed into action by the tireless committee to put this great scheme over. In every way it became a community project.