



**"O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea!"**

Have you ever been at sea in a storm and seen the clouds lowering, the wind rising and the waves running mountains high, decks treacherous and the crew anxious? Unless you have, you cannot imagine its awful majesty, or the courage it calls up and the spirit it commands in men.

**Many Canadians Have Never Seen the Sea—**

Yet the sea is Canada's World-Trade highway. The sea and the Merchant Sailors make us prosperous. But the Merchant Seaman's life is hard and perilous. He wages continuous battle against the forces of nature. The real sailor is not the deck steward or attendant on comfortable ocean liners. His ship is no floating palace. His voyage no pleasure trip.

**The Real Sailor's Ship is the Tramp Steamer—**

or Windjammer, beating against gales—decks awash—sleep a stranger for days and nights on end. Frozen in winter, dodging icebergs in spring, groping through fogs off treacherous banks, beating round the Horn, fighting through typhoons, or becalmed in the Yellow Sea. Tough going all the way.

**Death Always Hovers Over the Wheel—**

Is it any wonder, then, that the Navy League wants to make life comfortable for our sailors when ashore? After all, Canada is their home; and the home, while they are here, of the sailors of other lands. The Navy League endows, maintains or assists in maintaining every Sailor's Home, Institute and Welfare Society in Canada. And every dollar subscribed for the maintenance of these Homes and Institutes will be money well invested, and redound to our national prosperity.

**The Sea is Our Heritage and Our Strength—**

In proportion as we develop this Sea-Conscious Spirit so shall we advance in world civilization and trade. We can only develop our Sea-Conscious Spirit, by making life more endurable to Canadian Sailors. And it is for this purpose that a portion of the Navy League's Fund is set aside. To carry on its work next year, the Navy League must have \$760,000. This money must be raised next week. It is not a large amount and borne in proportion from Coast to Coast it must surely be subscribed.

The Navy League of Canada  
**SAILORS' WEEK CAMPAIGN**  
October 18—23. Dominion Objective \$760,000.

**The work of the Navy League is—**

to enlighten people upon the importance of the sea; so that Canadian products may be shipped, through Canadian ports, in Canadian ships, officered and manned by trained Canadians.  
to encourage and to undertake the training of Canadian lads to man Canada's Navy and Mercantile Marine.  
to formulate a fundamentally sound policy for the training of our present sea-faring population, to meet an emergency, so that Canadian overseas commerce will be adequately protected, to support facilities for making the Sailor's life ashore endurable.  
to provide for dependents of those who died to protect Canada, Nationally, Imperially and Commercially.  
These objects can only be achieved through an organization representative of public responsibility and outside party politics.

**FEEDING SHEEP.  
Farm Flock Thrives on Material that Would Be Waste.**

No matter how short the crop on the average farm, there is always some growth of herbage that goes to waste for want of means to harvest it economically. Where any kind of live stock is kept the amount of this waste is reduced considerably, but where the farm stock includes sheep the waste is reduced to the minimum. And yet there are many farmers who refuse to give sheep-raising a trial, even though their farms are well adapted to the purpose. Any excuse is given for keeping out of the sheep-raising business, the most common being the dog nuisance, and another the danger of loss at lambing time, yet certain farmers manage to make a success of the business year after year.

The most successful sheepmen are doubtless experts in their line, but it is possible for any farmer who is capable of handling other kinds of live stock to care for sheep so that the fatalities in his flock will not be sufficient to preclude the possibility of a profit on his original investment, labor and feed costs.

To be successful in the sheep business, it is not necessary for the beginner to go in for the line of raising fancy pure-breds for sale, as so many seem to think. Such work is better left to the old hands. There is every possibility of a profit by the straight feeding process. In addition to such rough pastures as only sheep can negotiate successfully, there exists on any mixed farm, in the fall, a certain amount of after-grass and stubble that will provide a ration sufficient to keep a flock of sheep in gaining order, and it requires only a small addition of grain to make the animals fit for market. Nevertheless, sheep, of all classes of live stock, arrive on the stock yard markets in poorest condition, as a rule, and it is obvious that many farmers who now lose the after-harvest feed that remains on their grass and grain fields might with double advantage take up the practice of pasturing these fields with sheep.

It must be admitted that the dog nuisance is in many cases a good excuse for keeping out of the sheep business, but, thanks to the determined effort of municipal authorities in general the trouble is being gradually reduced. Only recently a case of dog-killing in protection of a flock of pure-bred Southdowns was brought to the attention of the Council of York Township, and the farmer who used his gun in this instance was strongly commended by the members of the council. As it happened, the owner of the dog took the loss of his pet in good sporting spirit, admitting that though he valued the dog highly, it fully deserved to be killed under the circumstances. In this case, as none of the sheep was killed no claim for damages was made, but the fact remains that the sheep owner was probably the greater loser, as his flock consisted of 28 ewes of high-class breeding, together with 22 lambs of this season's crop. Through having been chased by dogs, the ewes are now in the habit of making at full speed for the barn as soon as anything in the shape of a canine comes in view, and sheepmen are aware of the bad effect of such a habit on their breeding possibilities. In few cases of sheep worrying, does the killing of the dog and charging the value of the sheep destroyed to his owner, cover the loss to the owner of a flock. Terror of dogs not only has a bad effect on breeding ewes, but it reduces the chance of any sheep making satisfactory gains on pasture.

**Back to Live Stock.**  
Reports of farming conditions in Great Britain indicate that the country is rapidly returning to the practice of grass farming, this change being made necessary by the fact that since the armistice Great Britain has been losing her best type of agriculturist at an alarming rate, owing to the superior attractions offered by Canada and Australia. Many thousands of acres in England and Scotland that were in cereals last year are this year under grass, and sheep, which require few men to look after them, are again becoming popular, despite the unsatisfactory condition of wool prices.

Judging by this rush to take up live stock raising in place of grain and potato growing, which was forced on the British farmer during the war, it would appear that the Britisher realizes that other countries will soon produce sufficient to restore the world's grain supply to normal. At any rate, this is the view taken by Mr. McCurdy, the Food Controller, who credits the British farmers with holding optimistic views regarding the future of food and feed supplies from abroad. It must be allowed, however, that the labor situation has a big influence with regard to the form of farm practice followed in Britain. In the existing conditions the big farmers, especially those engaged in dairying and vegetable growing, are hard put to find suitable labor.

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