

ports awaiting a sufficient number to man them, and delays have lengthened from days to weeks and from weeks to months before they can sail. Our own Government is entering upon a shipbuilding programme, spending \$90,000,000 in the construction of new ships. All shipowners and the Government officials know that there are not a sufficient number of men to man the present vessels, so what of the new ones? It is the League's purpose, therefore, to remedy to the best of their power this shortage, by instructing young men and boys from twelve years upwards in practical and theoretical seamanship. In England the League has many such training ships, and we are following their standards of instruction.

From a national standpoint, this line of endeavor is of the greatest importance. If Canada after war is to remain an exporting country, and we do not think anyone will deny that with the figures just quoted, her newly acquired taste for export trade is likely to slacken, we must have not only our own ships, but must man them with Canadians to be independent of other countries.

What Membership Means

To bring about the above, the League seeks the support of every patriotic citizen, including every school child, and every factory hand and wage earner. Annual fees are nominal:—

.35c for a School Child.

\$1.00 for an Associate Member

\$2.00 for a Full Member.

We ought to have more than 50,000 members in the Province of Ontario alone. With a large membership will come such an influence in Canada as the Navy League wields in England, where the wisdom of its policy and its widespread influence has been so amply demonstrated.

The Navy League is not an aggressive organization; its aims are security and peace; it is absolutely non-political and non-denominational; it should be supported by all citizens, irrespective of class and creed. Its power for good will depend upon its strength, which will be measured by the number of its members.

Its appeals will be of National importance; for the Sailors of the Navy and the Mercantile Marine, for the Sailors' Institutes, for the Sailors' wives and children, and for the Naval Brigades. Governments and Municipalities readily respond to a request for aid which comes from hundreds of thousands of people; therefore, we must have Members; the fee is small, so that everyone may join—men, women and children.

Members will receive the League's illustrated magazine. They wear a League button with the motto "Keep Watch" upon it. Each Member will be a contributor to the objects of the League through his annual subscription, and thus will become an **Active Participant** in the constructive Maritime work of their Country and Empire.

MOTTO—KEEP WATCH.