

exported. In the past they have given little thought to what became of these products. Let me beseech them to think. Are they WISHED to the markets of the world? NO, they are conveyed to the sea by railways, and from thence, abroad, by ships. Therefore, to insure the continuance and enlargement of shipments and safety in reaching their point of destination,—in enabling the country as a community to reap its full reward we must have a Merchant Marine and its protecting Fleet. If a Canadian fleet is to be depended upon in times of war it must be manned by the native-born. This last feature is the mainstay of the United Kingdom's strength. The immense reserve of native-born seamen that England was able to rally to her standards was one of her very chief factors in winning the world war.

Again, as a medium of education, the League's Educational Committee in Ontario is engaged in the preparation of a Naval Reader, written by the best naval authority in Canada, Lieut.-Colonel William Wood, F.R.S.C., Quebec. This Reader will be submitted to the Minister of Education for his approval. It should be a permanent factor in educating the young people of the country to a real appreciation of the work of the Navy and the Merchant Marine, and in knowledge of the vital character of sea power. In furtherance of its policy of aiding in the education of the young for a maritime career, the League, through its Naval Brigades, is inculcating a practical knowledge of seafaring subjects so that when the policy of construction of merchant ships, now entered upon by the Government, is completed, there will be a nucleus to man the native-born crews. This education of the young, under conditions of competent training, develops manhood and physique, intelligence and patriotism, and a knowledge of practical things which are of great value to the boy, quite apart from any decision he may subsequently make to become a sailor or not.

I might add that in the year 1918, as the result of our first appeal for funds, \$120,000 was set aside to send to the Navy League in England at the rate of £2,000 per month; \$100,000 was set aside for the Division in Nova Scotia to erect a Sailors' Home at the Eastern portal of Canada's commerce; \$30,000 was set aside for the British Columbia Division to help Sailors' Institutes in the Western portal of Canada's commerce; \$25,000 was set aside to carry on Educational work. The result of this latter expenditure was directly responsible for the wonderful success of our second appeal resulting in the collection of \$1,728,000.

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