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THREE MAIN OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE:

The Navy League of Canada is the Canadian Branch of the Navy League of the British Empire, and is an association of voluntary members formed for the purpose of carrying out the following objects:

1—A thoroughly organized educational campaign in matters pertaining to the Navy and Mercantile Marine.

(a) By lectures.

(b) By the circulation of literature.

(c) By placing readers in public schools.

2—To raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian sailors and their dependents, for Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada and throughout the Empire.

3—To encourage volunteer Naval Brigades for boys and young men in which they can receive practical and theoretical instruction in seamanship to prepare them for SERVICE IN OUR NAVY AND MERCANTILE MARINE.

It shall be a fundamental principle of the League that its objects, membership, management and conduct shall be absolutely unconnected with and free from party politics and from every organization connected with party politics.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

FOUNDERS, Life Members (eligible only to those who enter the first year of organization).....	\$100.00
MEMBERS	\$2.00 Annually
JUNIOR MEMBERS (without vote).....	.25 "
(18 years and under)	

The Navy League of Canada

Greater Vancouver Branch

(Affiliated with the Navy League of the British Empire)

"The Parent of the Existing Modern British Navy
Is the Navy League."

The Aims and Purposes of the Organization

The Navy League is a patriotic, non-party organization whose principal aim is to bring home to the people of Canada the vital importance of retaining, at whatever sacrifice, the supreme command of the sea for the Empire.

It is most essential that the entire population of the Empire—men and women in every walk of life—should have opportunities of studying at first hand the problems of national defence, and of knowing something about the navy and mercantile marine, which are, and must always be, the mainstay of the Empire.

The Navy League has many methods of carrying on its work, of which the following are the principal ones:

1. **Relief Work.** The League will carry on regular relief work to assist in making ample provision for the widows and children of the men of the Navy and Mercantile Marine who have lost their lives in the war. The aim of the committee is that the children should have the same educational opportunities as if their fathers had survived the war, and, as far as possible, save them from the evils of casual and haphazard employment after leaving school, and to assist them to enter upon useful careers.

2. Give assistance to Hospitals, Homes, Orphan Institutions, Seamen's Institutes, Schools and Asylums.

Canada's safety depends on the strength and efficiency of the
British Navy

Last year \$500,000.00 was raised in Canada and distributed, \$250,000 to Naval and \$250,000 to Merchant Marine.

The committee also recently made a grant of \$100,000 to build and equip a Sailors' Home at Halifax, N. S., and \$30,000 for Institutes on the Pacific Coast.

3. **By establishing Branches throughout Canada,** to carry on the work in their own district, and by means of propaganda and the journal of the League, "The Sailor," keep the members in touch with all questions affecting Naval Policy.

4. **By Instructing the Boys and Girls in the Schools** in the history and work of the Navy, thus inculcating principles of patriotism, loyalty and devotion to the flag, which must greatly influence their careers. The future of the Empire is in the hands of the children of today. It is they who will reap the benefits of the incalculable sacrifices which our fighting men have made, and it is to them our splendid Navy of today will bequeath the perpetual heirloom of "Sea Power," an inheritance brighter than ever before, by reason of the added lustre of magnificent deeds of heroism in the present war.

5. **The Navy League Boys' Naval Brigade.** The object of the Brigade shall be to teach boys, between the ages of 12 and 18 years, habits of discipline, duty and self-respect, and thus enable them to be of practical use, not only in time of peace, but in time of war. They will also be thoroughly informed of the great importance of the Navy on which the Empire primarily depends for its existence.

Proper instructors will be provided, who will teach the boys the elementary rudiments of seamanship, signalling, gunnery, etc., combined with a proper course of instruction in physical training.

It is not sought by this Scheme to force Boys into a Maritime Career

For those boys who wish to enter either the Navy or the Mercantile Marine, special advantages and opportunities can be obtained through the League.

WHAT THE NAVY IS DOING

The Navy has done a great deal in the present war. It has prevented the enemy from invading our shores; it has enabled our wheat and farm products to cross the ocean, without which our men would starve. During the first three and one-half years of the war it has protected transports carrying over thirteen millions of men, over two million horses, twenty-six million tons of munitions and war supplies, and over fifty-three million tons of coal and oil. The Navy has safeguarded within the Empire alone nearly one hundred and forty million tons of food and materials.

THE NAVY SAVED THE EMPIRE

The War Cabinet's review of the events of the past year shows that the British Navy saved the Empire in 1917 and saved the world from German domination at the same time.

In February of last year the unrestricted submarine piracy of the Hun had reached its highest point. That the sinking of ships had become serious was well known, but few were aware that if the enemy had been able to maintain the same rate of destruction, by February of this year the military forces of Britain and France would have been paralyzed and Germany would have won the war.

But the British Navy rose to the emergency and sank the submarines. It perfected method after method for dealing with piracy. It invented depth bombs and

Every man, woman and child in Canada should join the Navy
League and assist

utilized balloons and airplanes for observation purposes. It created a great fleet of submarine chasers.

Today German submarines are sunk or captured faster than they are built, and new ships are being launched faster than they are destroyed.

Socks, comforts, etc., are needed for the sailors, and if the various ladies who are doing work of this kind will have their parcels addressed to the Secretary of The Greater Vancouver Branch of the Navy League of Canada, 1006 Dominion Building, Vancouver, B. C., they will be properly distributed.

The West owes a great deal to the men of the Navy and Merchant Marine, and no matter how much we give we will never be able to fully repay them for their great sacrifices.

In speaking of the claims of our seamen the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty recently said: "I wish the whole nation could understand what these men are doing from morning 'till night, battling with the elements as well as with the enemy, battling dangers overhead and dangers undersea. Where in the whole world will you get such men as these?"

FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED

At the present time funds are urgently needed so that we may provide comforts for our fleet, that we may help the dependents of officers and men of the Navy and Mercantile Marine who have lost their lives during the war, and that we may support hospitals, orphanages, schools and convalescent homes for our disabled seamen.

It is your duty either to become a member or give a donation to the Navy League of Canada.

The Navy League of Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

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Please enroll my name as

Founder

Member

Junior Member

(18 years and under)

of the Navy League of Canada, for which I enclose Annual Subscription

of

I, having read or being already acquainted with the objects for which the Navy League of Canada was established and now exists, do hereby declare myself to be in full agreement therewith, and the policy indicated therein, and undertake so long as I remain a member of the League to support such objects of policy.

Detach this sheet and enclose it with your subscription to—

The Hon. Secretary

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Greater Vancouver Branch,

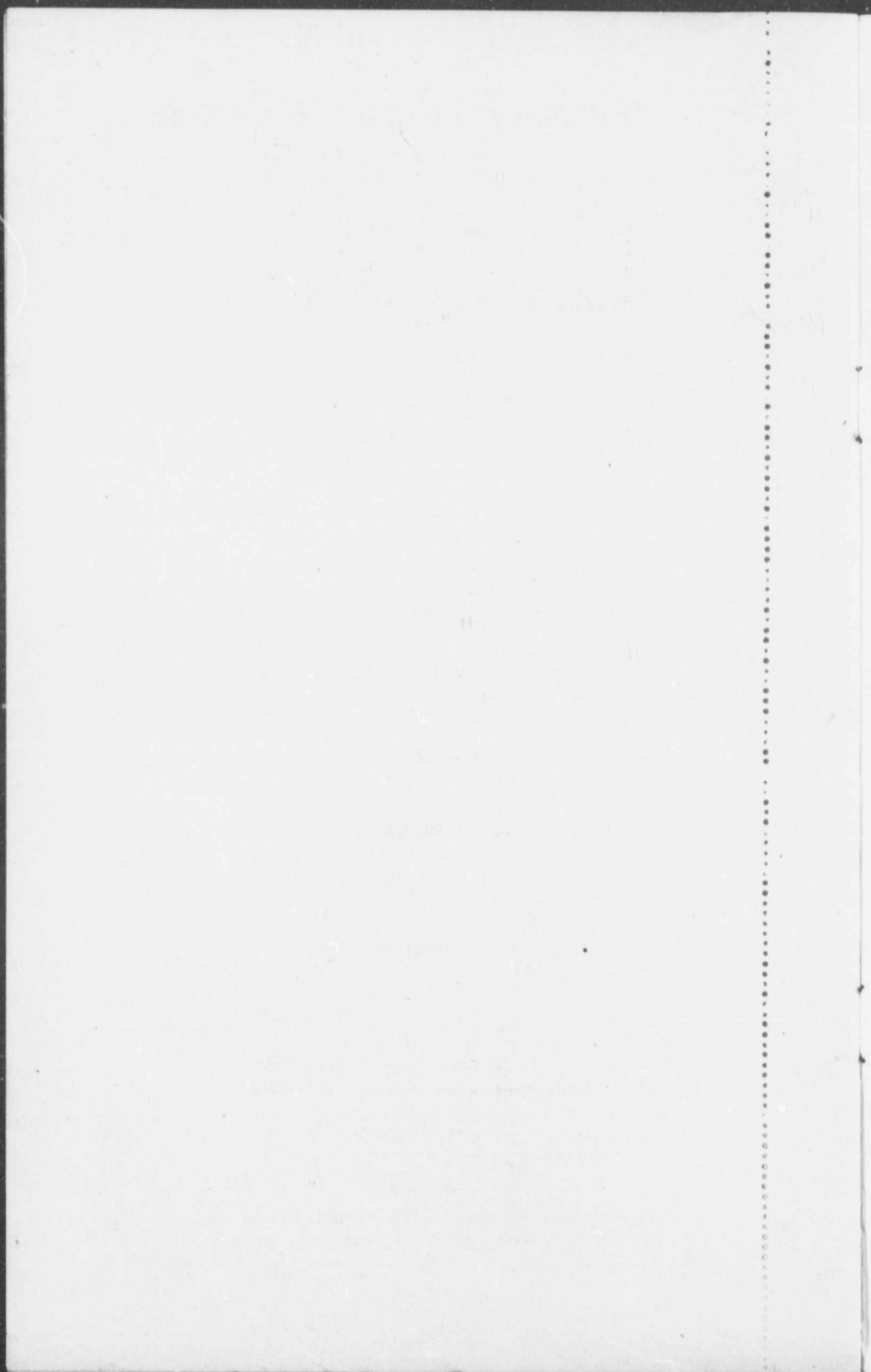
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Every member will receive a Navy League Button. Copies of "The Sailor" will be forwarded to adult members every month.



FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED

- (1) A mercantile marine is as vital to the prosperity of a country as pure blood is to the health of an individual.
- (2) In 1878 Canada was the fifth shipbuilding and ship-owning nation of the world.
- (3) In 1914 Canada dropped to eleventh.
- (4) It is for us Canadians of today to assure Canada of tomorrow a permanent place in the front ranks of the great nations of the world. Canada should have a merchant marine second only to that of the Mother Country.
- (5) Canada has vast forests to draw from, and her mineral resources are scarcely touched.
- (6) Canada with her own ships can trade with all parts of the world. Millions of tons of Canadian merchandise are stored in docks today awaiting ships.

The war has given tremendous impetus to the shipbuilding industry throughout Canada. Men and more men are wanted to man the ships.

The Navy League of Canada has been inaugurated to train Canadian boys to man a Canadian merchant fleet.

The Navy League of Canada will have its own training ships.

The Navy League of Canada will have its own institutes for seamen.

The Navy League of Canada will raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian sailors and their dependents.

The Navy League of Canada will spread information showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the maintenance of **Naval Supremacy**, upon which depends its **Trade, Empire and National Existence**.

**EVERY LOYAL CANADIAN SHOULD JOIN THE
NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA.**

The Price of Admiralty

We have fed our Sea for a thousand years
And she calls us still unfed.
Though there's never a wave of all her waves
But marks our British dead.
We have strewed our best to the waves unrest
To the shark and the shearing gull;
If blood be the price of admiralty!
Lord God we have paid in full.

There's never a flood goes shoreward now
But lifts a keel we manned;
There's never an ebb goes seaward now
But sinks our dead on the sand.
But sinks our dead on the sands fore-lore
From the Dugies to the Swinn;
If blood be the price of admiralty!
If blood be the price of admiralty!!
Lord God we have paid it in.

We must feed our Sea for a thousand years
For that is our doom and our pride.
And it was when they sailed in the Golden Hynde
Or the wreck that struck last tide,
Or the wreck that lies on the spouting reef
Where the ghastly blue lights flare!
If blood be the price of admiralty!
If blood be the price of admiralty!!
If blood be the price of admiralty!!!
Lord God we have bought it fair.

By RUDYARD KIPLING