



*What
is a
Sea Cadet?*





A SEA CADET IS A BOY

"BOYS WILL BE BOYS". When we use this phrase it is usually, in a sense, an excuse for some particular action of which we do not entirely approve but which, at the same time, appeals to our sense of humour and adventure. There comes a time, however, in the life of each young male when such an excuse can no longer be used and instead we say "he is old enough now to have more sense". Where does this stage come and how can we best effect the transition from "being a boy" to "being a man"? We do not want to lose either his sense of humour or his zest for life and adventure but we want him to use these things so that he is an active and worthwhile citizen who can take his place in any task or opportunity that presents itself.

Not only must we maintain and develop the sense of humour and spirit of adventure but also inculcate a preparedness for quick responsive action where a need presents itself. Such a need may be in the way of community leadership, welfare work, or the proper administration of one's business. It may also, as has happened twice in a lifetime, be in the call to serve in the defence of freedom and a demand for trained leaders and men. Such a preparation cannot be achieved without careful thought and guidance, inspired by

a vision of the kind of man a boy can be. In such a work, the Navy League of Canada has a great record. Since 1902 the Navy League Sea Cadets and the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps under the sponsorship of the Navy League have shown that the boys of Canada are men in every sense of the word.

Dressed in a uniform, every part of which is not only practical but steeped in tradition and loaded with honour, he learns first of all the value of citizenship and faithfulness to ideals and then on to learn the practical value of a benevolent discipline which gives him a security without reducing the appeal to his need for freedom of thought and action. He develops his perception for an immediate response with due regard, not only of his own good but that of others.

How can such a movement therefore, fail to awaken a response in the heart and mind of any citizen who cares for the future, not only of his or her country, but of mankind. This future is being fashioned even now upon the anvils of the world and not least in Canada. The material is there and is good. Let the tempering of it and the shaping of it be worthy of the steel. Let our "boys" be "men".

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