A Past Record of Loyalty the Japanese Canadians Will Uphold



In Training



WHEN Canadians of Japanese origin affirm their loyalty to Canada, let us not believe it to be merely lip service. For birth and education, or environment and the love of home, have been the powerful factors that through the years have instilled within the vast majority of Japanese Canadians a sincere loyalty to Canada. And shown here is a visible expression of that spirit from the files of The New Canadian.

In the early days of the war, from widespread small hamlets, from numerous societies and clubs, from first generation and second generation, came tokens of loyalty. They came in the form of wholly voluntary donations, contributed directly to the Government at Ottawa. And in the first four months of the war, from Ucluelet to Regina, from Prince Rupert to Victoria, these donations rolled in to total \$33,000.

As Canada's war effort grew in organization and size, support took the form of larger and larger sums, invested in war savings and in the victory war loans.

Substantial, too, were the contributions to the Red Cross, and shortly after the war broke out, a Japanese Canadian unit was itself formed. Throughout the province, too, first and second generation women and girls have worked with their respective units.

Although military authorities adopted a policy of rejecting Canadian-born Japanese from the army in the early months of the war, and the Government later exempted them from compulsory training, the insistent demand that they be accepted in the services won for a few second generation places in the fighting ranks. Pte. Shigeo Kato (upper corner) is serving now in Great Britain, Pte. Hiromu Tanaka (lower corner) is still in training in Canada. If the opportunity comes to us, there are hundreds more prepared to give up their lives in defence of their home and native land.





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