

# Legion parades for Dornoch's Golden Jubilee



**More than 100 ex-Service men and women from all over the North paraded in Dornoch to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.**

Standard-bearers from Orkney to Lochaber marched in support of Dornoch, founded 16 years after the inception of the movement in 1921.

Sutherland's Lord Lieutenant, Col Allan Gilmour of Invernauld, took the salute outside the Sheriff Courthouse as the parade, headed by Dornoch Pipe Band, marched to the Cathedral. Major Alistair Shaw was in charge.

The Colonel read the first leasson, and the second was read by Mr Hugh Steele, president of the Dornoch branch.

The Rev James Simpson preached an appropriate sermon, in which he referred to the great work carried on by the British Legion through the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal. He praised the fact that the fallen of two wars were remembered in the help given to their living comrades

who were still in need, years later.

Following the church service, members of the Legion marched to the West Church Hall where afternoon tea had been laid on by the local branch and its helpers.

The Colours represented on parade came from Stromness, Kirkwall, Canisbay, Wick, Thurso, Golspie, Lairg/Rogart, Ardgay/Bonar Bridge, Tain, Beaully, Inverness, Nairn, Fort William and Dornoch.

The Dornoch branch were led by their chairman, Mr Donald McCulloch, and with the Lord Lieutenant on the saluting dais were Chief Inspector James Wilson of the Northern Constabulary, area vice-chairman Dugald MacDougall and area secretary Mr George Smith, along with the Dornoch branch president Mr Hugh Steele.

