

The London Times of July 2nd, 1909, contains the following reference to the Canadian Naval Service in a speech by Mr. Borden delivered at the Constitutional Club in London on the previous day.

"With regard to the question of Imperial defence, he (Mr. Borden) was convinced that the people of Canada were prepared to take their full share when necessary in securing the safety and integrity of the Empire. He believed that the resolutions on Imperial defence which were passed by an unanimous vote in Canada had been misunderstood there, as well as in this country. The subject was undoubtedly one of great importance to the Empire and Canada. He was aware that some feeling was created in the British Isles owing to the fact that Canada did not by resolution or by speech from the Prime Minister vouchsafe the offer of one, two, or three Dreadnoughts. He thought the resolution in the form in which it was passed, while its terms might not upon their surface seem as significant at the moment as the offer of one or two dreadnoughts would have been, laid down a permanent policy for the Dominion of Canada upon which both parties united and which would serve a more practical purpose than any such offer of dreadnoughts. The effect of the resolutions which were passed was: (1) That they recognized the duty of Canada to take her share in Imperial defence as her wealth and importance increased; (2) that the payment of regular and periodical contributions to the Imperial Treasury was not, as far as Canada was concerned, the most satisfactory solution of the problem of Imperial defence; (3) that the House would approve of any expenditure necessary for the speedy establishment of a Canadian navy in close relation to and in co-operation with the Imperial navy and along the lines suggested by the Admiralty at the last Imperial conference; and (4) that the Canadian people would be prepared to make any sacrifices necessary for the purpose of co-operating with the Imperial Navy in maintaining the integrity of the Empire and its Naval supremacy."

Mr. Borden Strongly Endorses Plan of a Canadian Naval Service before Electors in Canada.

In a public address delivered at Halifax on October 14th, 1909 Mr. Borden not only spoke on the advantages of a Canadian Navy, but anticipated and replied to most of the arguments which he and his followers are to-day urging against it. Here are some of the extracts from Mr. Borden's speech as reported in the leading Canadian papers on the day following. "Mr. Brodeur says, he has secured naval autonomy for Canada. There is not and there never has been for the past forty years any constitutional or other difficulty about the establishment of a navy by Canada whenever its people thought fit to adopt that course."

"Nationhood involves certain responsibilities from which we cannot escape. One of these responsibilities is the duty of defending our borders and of taking effective steps to protect our commerce and our trade routes."

"The House of Commons last session laid down a certain