

willing that he should continue to bear the whole brunt of the protection of the Empire, Canada included, while you go scot free. You know you are not. (Loud applause.)

"Your manhood rebels against that. Your selfishness may silence that rebellion for a while, but in the night watches, when you think on the injunction to love your neighbor as yourself, you have to make up your mind that you cannot throw the whole burden on him. You do not want to do it. (Cries of "No!")"

"I mistake the people of Canada if they have not passed that milestone—and passed it forever. (Cheers.)"

### Defence is Insurance

"There is no politics in this meeting, and I cannot go as far as perhaps I would like to. But I would call your attention to the fact that when you have a home you do not sleep easily unless you know it is insured, and insured in a company that is sound.

"You do not want a sham insurance. Apply that to the defence of Canada. Some say Canada should do the whole thing. Brave words, but a very unsound conclusion. She does not want a fleet that is nothing but a sham.

"There is ~~the~~ great naval power of the world, Great Britain. She has been a naval power for a thousand years; brought up on the salt brine, with the atmosphere of the sea always on her lips and the spirit of adventure always in her veins. For a thousand years she has built and sailed ships, and has the advantage of centuries of experience. She has a mighty fleet and protects the whole Empire with it. What need is there for Canada or any other Dominion to build a fleet to protect themselves absolutely? It is a waste of money, a waste of fleets—and a waste of ideas to dwell on that for any time at all.

### Canada's Contribution

"What Canada should ask herself is how she can best utilize that skill

and experience so as to make the fleet secure against all possible comers, and so as to give protection, not only to ourselves, but to all the Empire at large. That is the question. Of course, some people will say that we are going to pay tribute for ever and ever, and that we are not going to have Canadian ships, manned by Canadians, and so forth. But that does not follow at all. What I ask for is a common-sense solution of the problem. Let us sit down and confer with the British Admiralty, as has been done, and find out what is necessary, then tote up your own contribution to that; and, whether there is need and an emergency for quick action, and if so put your effort where it will most speedily eventuate in strengthening the forces of the protecting fleet.

"When you have done that, confer with the British Government again and find out what co-operative plan there is that will enable Australia and Canada and the other Overseas Dominions to contribute their quota to the strengthening of the Imperial fleet—that quota to include, not only money, but ships and men, yes, Canadian courage and bravery as well. (Applause.) I have no fear that in this system to be evolved the aspirations of Canadians to be personally and bodily interested as a country and as men in the great Empire fleet will ever be crushed out or will fail to be satisfied.

"No man has a warrant for saying that that policy of contribution is the only policy of the Government and that we propose to carry out that principle alone.

That is as far as I can go without being political; that far it is necessary to go, because I think the expression of the idea that it is the Government's entire policy to adopt that principle should be contradicted. Only one part of the policy of the Canadian Government is before the people. It is to be followed by another, and that other subject to the approval of the people themselves." (Loud cheers.)