

1913.

cop. 2.

The **FARCE** and the **COST**
OF
Liberal Naval Policy
COMPARED WITH THE
Practical, Economical
and Effective
POLICY OF THE
Borden Government

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Royal
Highness the Governor-General.

Sir:—

Downing Street, 25th October, 1912.

1. I have the honour to transmit to Your Royal Highness the accompanying copy of a memorandum relating to the requirements of the Naval Defence of the Empire.

2. This document has been prepared by the Admiralty on the instructions of His Majesty's Government in compliance with the request of Mr. Borden with a view to presentation to the Dominion Parliament if, and when, the Dominion Ministers deem it necessary.

I have, etc.,

L. HARCOURT.

Section 10 of this document reads as follows:—

"10. The Prime Minister of the Dominion having enquired in what form any immediate aid that Canada might give would be most effective, we have no hesitation in answering after a prolonged consideration of all the circumstances that it is desirable that such aid should include the provision of a certain number of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply."