

Prompt Action Can Only Avert Disaster.

Lord Beresford, in the British House of Commons, on July 24 last, in reply to Mr. Churchill, said:

"I think he (Churchill) will do a lot for the men and the officers, but he is not doing enough for the protection of our Empire, and if what he says is true, and I know it is, that there is a very serious time coming for this Empire and this country, let me warn him that if he goes on with his policy of nothing but words and no deeds, we are as certain to meet with disaster as I am standing up in my place in the House of Commons to-day."

Beresford on Naval Outlook in Empire Review.

Lord Beresford, writing in the Empire Review of November, 1913, on the "Naval outlook" says that, "Mr. Churchill's original standard was sixty per cent. over the next strongest European naval Power, of which fifty per cent. was to be utilized for the protection of the United Kingdom, the remaining ten per cent. for the 'world wide defence of the Empire.' Taking heavy armoured ships, building and projected, we have only fifty per cent. for world-wide defence. . . . At the present moment we are six heavy armoured ships short, with their units and auxiliaries to make up the number which he stated was necessary in his standard of sixty per cent....three to make the percentage for 'the minimum of safety' at home, three more to provide for 'world-wide defence.'"

Required for World-Wide Defence.

Lord Beresford goes on to say that the Canadian ships, even if sanctioned, cannot be ready by the date upon which the First Lord stated that they will be "absolutely necessary" for "world-wide defence."