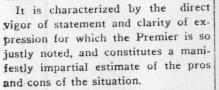


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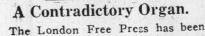
The Premier's Speech. den gave yesterday before the Ottawa Club regarding his recent trip and experiences in the Old Land and at the front, constitutes a message to all of Canada.

The address which Sir Robert Bor- sunk by submarines out of 1,415 de- done. 



There have been various visitors to the Old Land who have returned with more or less conflicting stories as to the actual state of affairs and the extent of British preparedness, but here we have the first-hand testimony of a man who was invited to see behind the scenes to a greater extent than any other individual, and who had access to the King, Premier Asquith, Lord Kitchener, General French, Lloyd George, A. J. Balfour and all the rest who are at the head of affairs in Great Britain in connection with this struggle. Hearsay had no place whatever in the conclusions which he formed, and his whole review is based upon first-hand knowledge and personal observation.

It is therefore all the more gratifying to note the calm yet emphatic confidence with which he speaks of the outcome. Not underestimating the strength or the preparedness of the foe in the slightest degree, he is nevertheless able to affirm his conviction as to the certain triumph of John Bull and his Allies when the final reckoning shall come.



having some fun with the Brantford Expositor over the inconsistency of that organ in the matter of an "emergency" and naval aid.

Our cotem made the lament that things would have been far different had Lord Roberts' warning regarding the German menace been heeded. Brought to book because it derided Borden when he talked emergency, the organ comes back with the plea "it is easy to be wise after the event."

As a matter of fact the London paper would have an endless task on hand if it should attempt to follow the Expositor in all its tortuous inconsistencies. Let us enlarge a little on the Roberts incident. Here is what our cotem recently said :--

"If Great Britain had only heeded the warnings of the late Lord Roberts, how different the story of the war might have been. Indeed, it is possible there might never have been a world's conflagration at this time." Blaming the people of the Old Lond because they did not take Bobs serjously eh?

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