

measure, which had the intended effect of closing their mouths insofar as the House of Commons was concerned. However, the irresponsible majority of that day in the Upper Chamber, which represented Laurierism in Canada, had the power under our present form of government to say that the free will of Canada's representatives, as expressed in the House of Commons, should not be allowed to prevail, hence the defeat of our proposal, which was so gratifying to the German people as is evidenced by the following quotation from Germany's leading press:

"Whatever may be decided upon later, the actual decision of the Canadian senate means at any rate a heavy moral and material loss for the defence of the Empire, for Mr. Borden's promise has been foolishly enough counted on. His offer made an enormous impression on the whole world. Mr. Churchill pointed out this fact especially in the well known memorandum of the admiralty. This impression will not only be destroyed, but people will everywhere obtain the conviction that England cannot depend on such help from her colonies. 'By rivals and enemies,' says the Morning Post today, 'the decision will be eagerly welcomed. By friends it will be regarded as ominous.' The impression must inevitably be created that the solidarity of the Empire is a myth, and that those powers which would like to see the overthrow of British naval supremacy need not be discouraged in their efforts by the thought that their challenge