

"On the one hand we cannot continue to bear the whole burden of Imperial defence. On the other hand, we cannot expect our great self-governing states to join with us in that defence unless they have some voice in determining the principles which shall guide the policy upon which the scale of expenditure will largely depend."

*(Oldham Chronicle, July 13, 1912.)*

"This magnificent vista of British sea power (fleet at Spithead) was more than sufficient to make glad with pride the heart of any inhabitant of our islands, but pride ought to be chastened by reflection that a mighty fleet has sprung up in Germany, and that ambitious naval programmes have been adopted by Austria-Hungary and Italy, the two allies of our powerful Teuton rival and possible enemy."

*(Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, July 13, 1912.)*

"The fact that Canada should be willing to contribute substantially to the navy without demanding the personal gratification of claiming the ships to her own shores, and manning and directing them from Canada, is a most important and gratifying display of patriotism."

*(Western Morning News, July 13, 1912.)*

"If he (Borden) achieves success he will have brought us closer to a system of Imperial consolidation than we have been accustomed to think was within the grasp of the present generation."

*(Glasgow Herald, July 13, 1912.)*

"For a long time a scheme for the defence of the British Empire has been under consideration—Just as the increase of Germany's sea-power compelled a redistribution of the fleet does not the altered conditions of the Empire's defence compel another and larger dis-