

"All classes will agree that the Empire's greatness can best be achieved by unity. They are not all agreed whether the present system can in future maintain that unity which is so essential for its preservation and protection. Let us agree to differ upon minor points and make a supreme effort upon the greater ones. It is worth working for. That there must be a vast change in the present system of Empire government and defence is self-evident to every practical man."

—C. A. P. Cable, London, May 24, 1913.

One Flag, One Fleet, One Throne.

In regard to the arrival of the Australian fleet at Sydney, Premier Cook sent the following cable to the Morning Post:

"The event shows that we are grown up and propose to take our full share in the development of the family estate and assume active responsibility for the preservation of the Imperial patrimony. Our motto on this occasion is 'One Flag, One Fleet, One Throne; Britons' hold your own' "

—C. A. P. Cable, Oct. 3, 1913.

No Separatist or Party Considerations in Naval Affairs in Australia.

Lord Denman, the Australian Commonwealth Governor-General, welcoming the Australian fleet and replying to the toast of his health, said that it was a "splendid contribution to the naval strength of the Empire."

Premier Cook declared that the naval policy was above politics. The ships were no less the King's because they were Australia's, and no less Australia's because they were the King's.

Ex-Premier Fisher fully endorsed Mr. Cook's statement that the fleet was above party considerations. — Reuter's Report, Oct. 18, 1913.