

Thirdly we stand for a permanent Canadian navy to guard our coast and trade routes and commerce with Great Britain, and all other nations at peace with the empire.

Fourthly we stand for the construction of a navy and shipyards, using for that purpose the product of Canadian industry and building it by the industry of our people.

Fifthly, we stand for the training of our own seamen in naval schools and colleges, and on board training ships, so that when our ships go out to sea they will represent Canadian blood and bone and flesh, and sentiment. The bill does not provide for that.

Sixthly, we stand for placing our ships at the disposal of the King in case of emergency, or at any time, at the expense of Canada, and not at the expense of the British tax-payer; our hearts, hopes and money to go with the ships wherever they are called to fight for the integrity of the empire.

Seventhly, we stand for co-operation with His Majesty's dominions beyond the sea in forming one solid phalanx if need be, with all the powers they represent, in the defence of Britain for the peace of the world.

Eighthly, we stand for unity and defence if the emergency arises, and we do not propose to question the wisdom of the admiralty as to how or where that emergency has arisen, or with whom or why we are called upon to fight for the empire. If you can get any better foundation I will go with you, and I will stand on a stronger platform than my own if you build me one. We want to be in the strongest position and we want to do that in perfect independence. I regret that the premier in his address at Toronto made some remarks regarding the Senate, which I do not think were called for. He said:

Borden on the Senate.

For the present, however, I deprecate the assertion made in many Liberal quarters, that the majority of the Canadian Senate is merely an echo of a discredited minority in the House of Commons.

I do not believe it.

Whenever Sir Wilfrid Laurier pulls the strings the Liberal senators will dance as he desires.

I am sorry to say there is one Liberal senator who cannot dance.

There are many men of high character and intelligence among the Liberal senators, and I entirely decline to believe that their action would be thus unworthily controlled.

Otherwise I would be prepared to declare that the Canadian Senate, as at present constituted, had thoroughly outlived its usefulness, and that an immediate remedy must be sought and found. The Senate is an important part of our constitutional machinery and is entitled to every respect, but it is not, never was, and never will be above the Canadian people.

Who said it was? We do not assume to be above the Canadian people. The House of Commons is not above the Canadian people. I have seen in my short time four Houses of Commons put out of doors and it may happen again. And it is a good thing for the House of Commons on certain occasions. And why? Because the people were above them. The sovereignty of the people is above the House of Commons. When he talks about reconstituting the Senate, what does he propose to do? We will live as long as we can. The hand that fills the Senate empties it; does he want an elective Senate? He has not proposed one. Let him not shoot his darts in the air. We were