

in China and the Pacific for the defence of British Columbia, Australia and New Zealand."

Would it not be more befitting the dignity of the premier Dominion were the British Admiralty in a position to say that the Royal Canadian Navy might co-operate with other British squadrons in the defence of its own coasts, and, if need be, in the defence of Australia and New Zealand as well?

Section 8 is a statement that the naval power of Britain diminishes and increases with the increase or diminution respectively of the fleets of other countries. It concludes:—

"Anything which increases our margin in the newest ships diminishes the strain and augments our security and our chances of being left unmolested."

It is scarcely necessary to point out that fleet units newly constructed would be composed of the newest ships, and as such would diminish the strain and augment Britain's security and her chance of being left unmolested.

A preceding paragraph points out that larger margins of superiority at Home would, among other things, restore a greater freedom to the movements of the British Squadrons in every sea, and directly promote the security of the Dominions. It will be apparent that fleet units which directly promote the security of the Dominions would also restore a greater freedom to the movement of the British Squadrons, and, in this particular, would have the same effect as larger margins of superiority at Home.

The concluding Sections 9 and 10 are the ones, which, along with the reference to Canadian trade in Section 7, refer more particularly to Canada. They, therefore, deserve a more detailed analysis.

WHAT THE ADMIRALTY MEMORANDUM REALLY IMPLIES.

Section 9, if it means anything at all, means that the British Government has experienced some disappointment at the apparent neglect, on the part of the Dominion, to proceed with the carrying out of the resolution of March, 1909, under which the construction of a Canadian Naval Service was commenced. It expresses no opinion as to why, after a fair beginning had been made, the Dominion, for a year or more, at a time which the Prime Minister of Canada says is one of great emergency, should have failed to do anything in the way of helping to maintain the integrity of the Empire at sea, but states that whether the causes which have been operating to paralyse action shall continue or not, Great Britain, in any circumstances will not fail in her duty to the Overseas Dominions, also that the Admiralty are fully assured that His Majesty's Government will not hesitate to ask the House of Commons for whatever provision the circumstances of each year may require. It distinctly points out that it is not so much the nature of what is done, as the doing of something which is likely to be of greatest service at the moment. It implies that the unwillingness to do anything which has been so marked since the present Government assumed office has shaken confidence in the purpose of the