

service become more widely known, it is anticipated that there will be no difficulty in obtaining recruits."--(Report of the Department of Naval Service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1911, page 8).

The report of the Deputy Minister for the year ending March, 1912, the Conservatives being then in office, contains the following statement, which speaks for itself.

"Owing to the uncertainty of the future Naval policy, and the limited accommodation available, no special efforts have been made to obtain recruits for the Navy."--(Report of the Department of Naval Service for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1912, page 8).

The same expression is used throughout the report in reference to other branches of the Naval service, as, for example, with respect to the reorganization of the Naval Establishment at Esquimalt and Halifax, the report says, on page 10, "having regard to the fact that the future Naval policy of the Government has not been definitely laid down, it has been thought desirable not to," etc.

This deliberate effort to thwart development of the Canadian Naval service was, doubtless, necessitated by the compromise effected by Mr. Borden with the Nationalists prior to the elections, and renewed at the time three of their members, Messrs. Monk, Nantel and Pelletier, were taken by him into his ministry.

Though a longer period of time has elapsed since Mr. Borden assumed office than the Liberal Administration had for giving effect to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, absolutely nothing has been done by the Borden Administration, either by way of giving effect to the provisions of this Act, which is still on the Statutes, or of carrying out the provisions of the unanimous resolution of the House of Commons of March, 1909, which has never been rescinded. Nor has anything been done as respects Naval defence in any other way. What is even more serious is that, in the absence of any definitely defined permanent policy, the several branches of the Naval Service already established, are being held, as it were, between heaven and earth. They are being maintained at considerable cost to the Dominion, but, from the point of view of efficiency, or of service to Canada or the Mother Country, are being rendered valueless.

On December 5, 1912, Mr. Borden introduced a bill to authorize the expenditure of \$35,000,000 on the three largest battleships in the world as part of a permanent policy of contribution by Canada to the British Admiralty, or as part of some other policy to be announced later, but it remains to be seen if this proposal will receive the sanction of Parliament.

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