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"They will be built under Admiralty supervision in the United Kingdom."

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"There have been proposals, to which I shall no more than allude, that we should build up a great Naval organization in Canada. In my humble opinion, nothing of an efficient character could be built up in this country within a quarter or perhaps half a century."

—From the speech of the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden. *Hansard, House of Commons Debates.*—Dec. 5, 1912.

THE LIBERAL POLICY—AS OUTLINED BY THE RT. HON. SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

As a result of the armaments which are now going on in Europe, England has been obliged to increase the margin of security which she relies on for her own defence by reducing the Naval forces in the outlying seas. Such is the condition, and I ask once more, what is the remedy? In our humble judgment, the remedy is this, that wherever in the distant seas, or in the distant countries—in Australia, Canada or elsewhere—a British ship has been removed to allow of concentration in European waters, that ship should be replaced by a ship built, maintained, equipped and manned by the young nation immediately concerned. . . . This is the Australian policy, this ought to be the Canadian policy."

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"The Memorandum in which my right Honourable friend submitted the other day disclosed nothing which we did not know before. We discussed it in the month of March, 1909, and then we came to the conclusion, the unanimous conclusion, that the best method of helping England, of discharging our duties, was not by contribution but by the creation of a Canadian Navy."

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"It has been stated, I hope it will prove true,—that this generous contribution of \$35,000,000 to the Imperial treasury will create a deep impression in Europe amongst the great powers. I hope it is true, but would not the impression be much greater yet, if, instead of this money contribution, the nations of Europe were to see the young daughters of the Empire, the young nations scattered over the whole world, building fleets of their own,—to use the language of the resolution of 1909—In co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial Navy along the lines suggested by the Admiralty at the last Imperial Conference?"

—From the speech by the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. *Hansard, House of Commons Debates.*—Dec. 12, 1912.