

ling in a public document of that kind, and it did so, moreover, with a perfectly plain and equally unusual reference to the growth of Germany's naval power.

"Is that document not meant to show the sure and speedy approach of a time when the balance of naval power on which the security of the Empire rests will be definitely threatened?"

#### **Proud of Bold Action of Canadian Premier.**

Premier Peake, of South Australia, at the annual meeting of the Colonial Institute in London on May 23, 1913, said:

"The Dominions are alive to the requirements of Empire defence and are ready to share the burden. What true Britisher was not proud of the bold action and magnificent speech of the Prime Minister of Canada? (Prolonged cheers.) Statesmen of New Zealand had always been to the fore in giving expression to a strong sentiment of the people with regard to the Empire. Australia had provided a navy and a citizen army. They prayed that England might ever be in the right, but in times of trouble the people of Australia would not stop to consider who is in the right. Their help would be proffered in men and substance. The question of who was in the right would hold over for further consideration."

Lord Emmett, Colonial Under-Secretary, referring to naval defence, said:

"We await the decision of Canada on this important issue, confident in the patriotism of every section of the people there."

#### **Empire's Greatness Can Be Achieved By Unity.**

Sir Joseph Ward, ex-Premier of New Zealand, sent to the London Express the following Empire Day message: