

of the Canadian Naval Service which suggests that recruiting for the training ships had been found easy, and that little difficulty in further recruiting was anticipated. The second report of the Deputy Minister of Naval Defence explains that the recruiting had fallen off owing to the uncertainty under the present administration of what the permanent Naval policy is to be.

The insinuation that is sometimes heard that the Canadian Naval Service means independence and separation is also answered by the example of Australia. No one so much as suggested that Australia in abandoning the policy of contribution and entering upon a policy of her own had in so doing any thought of separation from the British Empire. Why then should any suggestion of the kind be made with reference to Canada?

The Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, speaking before the Canadian Club in Ottawa on March 9, of this year said: "Both in Australia and New Zealand there has been of late years a very marked palpable growth of the sentiment of Imperial unity." This covers the very time that Australia has been engaged upon a Naval Service of her own.

Those who urge the argument of separation and independence forget that they **impeach the loyalty of Mr. Borden and every Conservative in the House of Commons during the last Parliament** inasmuch as the resolution to which Parliament unanimously agreed was the resolution for a Canadian Naval Service along lines identical to the Service established in Australia.

The kind of appeal which finds it necessary to call in question the loyalty of the people's representatives in Parliament is hardly deserving consideration of thinking men, and certainly is not worthy the name of patriotism.

Recent Declarations by Outlying Dominions in Favour of Naval Service as Opposed to Contribution.

Since the debate on Mr. Borden's proposals commenced in the Canadian parliament, other parts of the Empire have come to see that the real question at issue is whether the outlying Dominions shall be permitted to have naval services under the control of their own parliaments, or be obliged to contribute towards the support of some scheme of centralization, and **the representatives of the several outlying Dominions have begun to speak out and make it quite clear that in their opinion centralization is not a desirable thing for the British Empire, and that the right policy for Canada to follow at the present time is that of having a naval service of her own.**

A Canadian Associated Press Cable of date London, March 12th, has the following in reference to a speech delivered by **Sir George Reid, the High Commissioner of Australia, at the Royal Colonial Institute on the night previous:**

"Sir George Reid, high commissioner of Australia, made an interesting reference to the question of Imperial Defence, expressing