

accepted. Nothing was ever gained without sacrifice. Lastly, may we not believe that Providence has ordained the British Empire for some nobler task than the acquisition of territory, and the accumulation of wealth, and that this binding together of its component parts is a further step in some grand design in which all will be called to play a part worthy of the British name and nation.

The Naval Bill which has brought these matters under our consideration is as follows:—

2. From and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire.

3. The said sum shall be used and applied under the direction of the Governor in Council in the construction and equipment of battleships or armoured cruisers of the most modern and powerful type.

4. The said ships, when constructed and equipped, shall be placed by the Governor in Council at the disposal of His Majesty for the common defence of the Empire.

5. The said sum shall be paid, used and applied and the said ships shall be constructed and placed at the disposal of His Majesty subject to such terms, conditions and arrangements as may be agreed upon between the Governor in Council and His Majesty's Government.

Whether this is the best form for the aid to take is a question for the Dominion Parliament to decide. There is a difference of opinion as to this, but all agree that something adequate should be done in the premises.

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