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immediately for naval purposes ^{and} should
 would not common since till every ship
 should be expended on that fleet which we
 must - which we are bound to build? - Is it
 not absurd, even criminal to build up
 the British home fleet, already sufficiently
 numerous, and powerful, while it still
 leaves our own coasts quite as defenceless
 as before, and the necessity for a home fleet
 just as urgent? Is not this accumulation
 of an amount which would equal a good
 service when Borden's party were in power
 before

I remember well when Britain had
 troops stationed at ^{that time} Quebec, Montreal,
 Toronto London, and afterwards at Fort
 Garry and Seyniamatt, she withdrew
 them. At that time our population was
 small, still we did not hesitate to take up the
 burden to replace her troops with our own, and
 since, when the naval bases on both oceans
 were given up, we assumed the responsibility
 and have kept them up ourselves, Is not this
 a parallel case? Is it not more important that
 the money we possess should be put into our
 own ships, which should take the place of her