

the solidarity between mother and daughter. That is the policy which we adopted, that is the policy which we intend to follow."
(Hansard, House of Commons Debates, December 12, 1912.)

Other Arguments from Memorandum for Canadian Fleet Units.

Section 7 of the Memorandum is a further argument for the establishment of Canadian fleet units to assist in the protection of the growing trade of Canada. The section contains the following:—

"The rapid expansion of Canadian sea-borne trade, and the immense value of Canadian cargoes always afloat in British and Canadian bottoms, here require consideration. On the basis of the figures supplied by the Board of Trade to the Imperial Conference of 1911, the annual value of the overseas trade of the Dominion of Canada in 1909-10 was not less than \$72,000,000, and the tonnage of Canadian vessels was 717,000 tons, and these proportions have already increased and are still increasing. For the whole of this trade, wherever it may be about the distant waters of the world, as well as for the maintenance of her communications, both with Europe and Asia, Canada is dependent, and has always depended upon the Imperial Navy, without corresponding contribution or cost."

The last paragraph of Section 7 is a positive statement to the effect that not only does an emergency not exist, but that Britain, without courting disaster at home, can send an effective fleet of battleships and cruisers out of home waters to all parts of the Empire. The paragraph is as follows:

"Further, at the present time and in the immediate future, Great Britain still has the power, by making special arrangements and mobilising a portion of the reserves, to send, without courting disaster at home, an effective fleet of battleships and cruisers to unite with the Royal Australian Navy and the British squadrons in China and the Pacific for the defence of British Columbia, Australia and New Zealand. And these communities are also protected and their interests safeguarded by the power and authority of Great Britain so long as her naval strength is unbroken."

Canada Dependent on Australia for Defence.

This section contains an interesting admission and one that surely discloses the need for Canadian fleet units, unless the security and self respect of Canada is to be wholly forgotten. In so many words, it states that British Columbia is dependent for its defence on the Royal Australian Navy, co-operating with an effective fleet of battleships and cruisers to be sent from England, and the British squadrons in China and the Pacific. It is worth re-reading.

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