

COMMENTS

ON THE
SENATE'S REJECTION
OF THE
NAVAL AID BILL

In discussing the naval bill during the last session of Parliament (1912-13) Sir Wilfrid Laurier was particular to emphasize upon each occasion that there was no emergency. In presenting his amendment for two fleet units (Hansard, 1025) he said:

"This document (the Admiralty Memorandum) shows that there is no emergency, that England is in no danger whether imminent or prospective."

"I insist, once more, upon what is stated in the memorandum; there is no emergency, there is no immediate danger, there is no prospective danger." (Hansard, 1029).

"He (Borden) went to England to ask what England would accept in the case of an emergency, although there was no emergency." (Hansard, 1032).

Elsewhere in the Debate.

"The contribution which we are asked to vote is uncalled for and unnecessary, as professing to give to Great Britain help for which she has no need." (Hansard, 4241).

"It is no use telling us there is an emergency in Great Britain." (Hansard, 4256).