

THE TWO POLICIES.

In a consideration of the Memorandum prepared by the Board of Admiralty on the General Naval Situation, it will be well to keep in mind the following official utterances which have a direct bearing on the means by which it is proposed to deal with the General Naval Situation which the Memorandum discloses.

THE SHARE OF THE DOMINIONS IN IMPERIAL DEFENCE AS OUTLINED BY THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.

"If the main development of the past ten years has been the concentration of the British fleet in decisive theatres, it seems to me, and, I dare say, to you, not unlikely that the main development of the next ten years will be the growth of the effective naval forces in the great Dominions overseas. Then we shall be able to make what I think will be found to be the true division of labour between the Mother Country and her daughter states—that we should maintain a sea-supremacy against all-comers at the decisive point, and that they should guard and patrol all the rest of the British Empire."

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"The Admiralty see no reason why arrangement should not be made to give the Dominions a full measure of control over the movements in peace of any naval forces which, with our help, they may bring into efficient existence. We know that in war our Countrymen over the seas will have only one wish, and that will be to encounter the enemy wherever the need and the danger is most severe. The important thing is that the gap shall be filled so that while we, in the Old Country, guard the decisive theatre, our comrades and brothers across the seas shall keep the flag flying on the oceans of the world."

—The Times, London, May 16, 1912. From a speech of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, at a banquet of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, London, May 15, 1912.

THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY—AS OUTLINED BY THE RT. HON. R. L. BORDEN.

"They will be the three most powerful battleships in the world."

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"Every Canadian will realize, in seeing or reading of these ships, that they are a gift in which he has participated."

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"The total cost of three such battleships, which when launched will be the most powerful in the world, would be approximately \$35,000,000 and we ask the people of Canada, through their Parliament, to grant that sum."