

MR. FOSTER'S MOTION AND THE PRESENT POSITION

Mr. Foster's motion was as follows:

"That in the opinion of this house, in view of her great and varied resources, of her geographical position and natural environments, and of that spirit of self-help and self-respect which alone befits a strong and growing people, Canada should no longer delay in assuming her proper share of the responsibility and financial burden incident to the suitable protection of her exposed coast line and great seaports."

The resolution on Mr. Foster's motion as finally adopted unanimously by both political parties contained the following

"The House will cordially approve of any necessary expenditure designed to promote the speedy organization of a Canadian Naval Service in co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial Navy, along the lines suggested by the Admiralty at the last Imperial Conference and in full sympathy of the view that the naval supremacy of Great Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the Empire and the peace of the world."

The question now before the people of Canada is, shall the unanimous resolution of Parliament of March, 1909, which was passed on Mr. Foster's motion be carried out? Or shall Canada abandon the beginnings already made in the construction of a Canadian Naval Service and enter upon a policy of contribution?

Shall the country adopt the arguments of Mr. Foster as a statesman, or the evasions of Mr. Foster as a party politician?

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