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I think it highly important - if we to carry
the elections - that we should show them - what
I am sure a large portion of the electors have
no idea of - the size and importance of our
Commercial Marine - and how necessary it
is that we protect it. That so far we have had
the protection of the British navy, whose Cruisers
were spread over every sea; but that now
the enormous increase of powerful foreign fleets
in her immediate neighborhood, which may any
day become hostile within a few hours sail of her own
Coasts, under it necessary to concentrate her
fleet in her own waters, and while she has - as
she has plainly shown Borden, and as - plenty
of ships to defend her own shores, that concentra-
tion leaves our Canadian shores and
fleet unprotected.

There is now a nation, and destined in
a very few years to become a rich, powerful
and prosperous, and though part of the
British Empire, as far as our own Country
is concerned independent, as a Nation
we shall certainly have to possess a Navy
of our own, and that in the very near
future. If we are going to spend \$5 million