

the dominions were one. The significance of Canada's proposed action lay not in the mere fighting power of the three dreadnoughts. **When our proposals were announced there dawned for the first time upon the world the light of a new aspect of the British Empire.** Then first the chancellories of the world saw that the strength of the Empire's defence lay not in the British Islands alone, but in the daughter nations which had already begun to realize their strength and to "feel the thews of Anakim, the pulses of a giant's heart."

WHAT THE WORLD THOUGHT OF LAURIER'S NAVAL VAGARIES.

What impression did Sir Wilfrid Laurier succeed in producing by means of his appointed partizans of the Senate? The nations were quick to seize the apparent significance of his act. Let one quotation from a great foreign newspaper suffice, although many such could be quoted:—

"Whatever may be decided upon later, the actual decision of the Canadian Senate means at any rate a heavy moral and material loss for the defence of the Empire, for Mr. Borden's promise had been foolishly enough counted on. His offer made an enormous impression on the whole world. Mr. Churchill pointed out this fact especially in the well-known memorandum of the admiralty. This impression will now not only be destroyed, but people will everywhere obtain the conviction that England cannot