

fibre to what would have been made if he had been content to make one or two tons less per day. He must realize that the lower price he gets for the larger quantity does not give him as good a return as the higher price for the smaller quantity gives.

The Canadians learnt from the visits to the docks at London, Tilbury, Woolwich and Liverpool and the trip to Newcastle-on-Tyne, something of what is meant by the policing the commerce of the seas, and as Canadian commerce increases we must recognize that we are required to take up our share of this burden: there is no desire on our part to evade the responsibility thereof.

A great portion of the defence of the Empire is connected with food production and the capability of feeding our people by the products of our Empire. We Canadians have bent our energies in this direction believing that within a few years from now we will be able to produce within our boundaries all the food required by citizens of the Home Land. That food will require police protection on the seas, and we will be ready to bear the cost of such protection.

Our branch of the Empire is growing so rapidly that it taxes all our energies to keep to the front, and we feel that it is a duty to the Empire not to fall behind. We intend to rank as one of the big nations in this world.

Canada, possessing the magnetic north pole, directs the traffic of the seas, and she must, as her wealth and population increases, take more and more the owning and protection of ocean commerce.