

with the necessities for building up the Dominion by the Mercantile Marine, and the Canadian shores protected by the British Navy, and it is time now for Canadians to consider their duty towards the Dominion and the Empire in the matter of ships and shipping. . The Merchant Navy of the British Empire before the war carried more than half the merchandise of the world. When war broke out, the Empire had all the merchant ships they needed and a large surplus. If that surplus tonnage had not been available, England by this time would be almost starving.

The record of the British Navy today is a continuation of all its records of the past. To quote the words of Harold Begbie in the "London Chronicle":

"The British Fleet saved the world and secured the freedom of the seas for all honourable nations by containing the German Fleet. History will say that this service was incomparably the greatest rendered by any one nation to a common cause. But the British Fleet is now doing that which never before has any Navy been called upon to do. It is conducting at one and the same moment two major operations. It is containing the German Navy, and it is fighting the German submarine. To the historian, neither of these operations will appear more