

for Canadian vessels, manned by Canadian crews, and a mighty instrument of expansion and wealth to be held almost completely in our own hands. . . ."

REASON NO. 2.—The building of warships will encourage iron and steel commercial shipbuilding.

MR. FOSTER.—"The building of warships is the strong encouragement of the steel and iron commercial shipbuilding in Great Britain to-day. The two are joined. The one works into and out of the other. I say that steel shipbuilding inaugurated in this country, developed to the capacity of turning out war vessels, would not only benefit Canada but Great Britain as well."

REASON NO. 3.—It may lead to Canada building ships for other parts of the Empire.

MR. FOSTER.—"It is no stretch of the imagination to believe that an Empire with its component parts in full accord may have at some time immense dockyards in the Dominion of Canada on the Pacific coast and on the Atlantic coast, in which will be built, not only our own vessels, distinctively Canadian, but a part of the navy of Great Britain itself."

REASON NO. 4.—Because Australia has found the policy of contribution a failure and has adopted a Naval Service of her own.

MR. FOSTER.—"In Australia the foundations of such a course are laid. That country to-day has taken that line of policy. . . . After having tried the contributory method, Australia has adopted this policy with the best of concert between the Mother Country and herself. The coast defence in time of peace, the auxiliary body to the fleet in time of war, both carried on with the co-operation and good-will which perfect trust in each other engenders and keeps strong."

REASON NO. 3.—The duty of Canadians demands a proper coast protection.

MR. FOSTER.—"Our circumstances, our manhood, our sense of gratitude, and our sense of right all demand that something should be done. Something adequate and something now. What boots it to drift from year to year? Are we proper stewards of this heritage if we allow it to go one moment longer without some proper care and provision for its defence?"