

under the influence of the German "scare" of 1909, she appears to have conceived the idea of giving a new turn to the old arrangement—if the Admiralty would not supply ships for New Zealand waters in consideration of receiving one-half of the cost of maintenance, might not the Admiralty pay the whole cost of maintenance if New Zealand supplied the ships? Whether or not that was the original design, that was the way it worked out. New Zealand paid the cost of a cruiser and at the Sub-Conference of 1909, the Admiralty agreed that it should be maintained in the China station—at the place from which invasion might come (a). Indeed, New Zealand did better than that, for the Admiralty agreed that part of the China fleet "will be maintained in New Zealand waters as their headquarters" (b). Nevertheless New Zealand is not satisfied. Indications are not wanting that she has repented her act; that she will, almost certainly, join in the Australian plan of a local navy; and that her gift ship will eventually form part of an Australasian squadron (c).

*The South African Union.*—The Union has continued the old contributions of Cape Colony and Natal—£85,000.

*All the other Colonies.*—Not a dollar of contribution, and no probability of it; unless we are to take seriously the reported offer of the Malays and Chinese, of the Federated Malay States, to pay for a battleship in so many years, "if possible".

In all this, there appears to be nothing upon which to base an argument for contribution by Canada. If any one were to say that Canada ought to introduce and enforce universal military training because Australia and New Zealand have done so, the simple reply would be that those places believe that their safety depends upon such action, whereas Canada does not. In the same way the fact that those places feel themselves threatened by special danger from over-seas, and are willing to spend money in guarding against it, is no reason why Canada, without any such feeling, should divert her revenue to a similar purpose.

And there ought to be no eulogies of the patriotism, generosity and recognition of duty on the part of Australia and New Zealand. Unfortunately for them, their geographical situation combined with a tremulous timidity which the British race appears to be developing, is such that nothing but universal compulsory military service and battle-ships ready for action can enable them to sleep at night. Safety, and not patriotism or imperialism or generosity, is their motive.

(a) Proceedings, p. 19. And see Daily Mail Year Book, 1912, p. 266.

(b) Proceedings, page 28.

(c) See *United Empire*, Nov. 1912, p. 859.