

## What Does Anti-British Mean

ACCORDING to a paragraph in the Ottawa Citizen the other day to be exclusively a Canadian is to be anti-British. The platform on which Mr. Bourassa stands and is said to have formed a league was the occasion for this description of Mr. Bourassa as anti-British. In the eyes of some people to be opposed to the policy of Mr. Chamberlain is to be anti-British. One might as well say that a dislike for beer was anti-British. The following is the platform of Mr. Bourassa's league:—

The platform of the "Canadian National League" has been given to the public as follows:—

1. Opposition to all participation by Canada in the deliberations of the British Parliament, and in any Imperial Council.
2. Consultation of Parliament by the Government when invited to participate in any conference of countries having allegiance to Britain and the absolute publicity of the deliberations and decisions of the conference.
3. The production at each session of Parliament of all correspondence or documents exchanged since the last session between the Canadian Government and the Colonial Office, or the Governments of other British Colonies.
4. The right of representation at all International conferences where the interests of Canadians are in question.
5. The right to make and to abrogate commercial treaties with all countries, including Great Britain and her Colonies; lib-

erty to name agents who will be able to treat directly on commercial questions with foreign Governments.

6. Abstention from all participation by Canada in Imperial wars outside Canadian territory; resistance to all attempts by England to recruit in Canada.

7. Opposition to the establishment of a naval school in Canada, with the consent, and for the benefit of the Imperial authorities.

8. The direction of our militia in times of peace and in times of war, to the sole purpose of defending Canadian territory.

9. Absolute refusal of all leave asked by an officer of the militia to take part in an Imperial war.

10. Command of the Canadian militia by a Canadian officer, appointed by the Canadian Government.

This platform seems to be a declaration for more complete self-government and for a greater control by Parliament over the government. Generally speaking these things are extremely British, and they are certainly quite constitutional. We suppose that in general the view taken by Mr. Bourassa is that to build up and develop Canada and protect her shores from invaders and to have the British flag flying over a peaceful, happy and contented Dominion would best contribute to the stability of British interests, and particularly that part of the King's dominions which is Canadian.