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### THE RIGHT POLICY

No less impressive than the scene when Premier Borden announced his naval policy last week in the House of Commons yesterday was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a speech that will become historic, set forth the true Canadian policy relating to naval defence. It was one of the greatest speeches ever delivered by the Liberal chief, and it is one which must appeal to the patriotism of every Canadian. Sir Wilfrid had no difficulty in proving from his own lips the inconsistency of Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster and other Conservative leaders in connection with the naval policy. Three years ago they were in favour of the policy which was then and is now proclaimed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. For purely political and not patriotic reasons they changed their minds, and last summer the premier and several of his colleagues went away to England in search of an emergency. That no emergency exists has been clearly proved by the statements made by Premier Asquith, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, the Right Hon. Lloyd George and Sir Edward Grey. The admiralty memorandum itself, which was submitted to the Canadian parliament, shows that there is no emergency and that there is nothing whatever to justify the carrying out of the policy laid down by the leader of the Liberal party. It will be extremely difficult for Sir Richard McBride, staunch Tory though he is, to refrain from supporting the policy laid down by Sir Wilfrid. The apologetic and defensive Mr. Borden will not of course argue that Canada is not now in a position to build Dreadnoughts or even smaller vessels. That is quite true. Some progress in this direction, however, has been made by this time had not Mr. Borden cancelled the program of his predecessor. Moreover, Canada never will be in a position to build Dreadnoughts or other craft unless she makes a beginning, and the longer it is postponed the longer Canada must wait to assume that position which should be assumed by this country as an integral portion of the British Empire. Mr. Borden would have his country hire its fighting ships. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would place Canada in a position to fight her own battles to the extent of her resources and requirements. The line of cleavage between the two parties is very distinct. The Liberal stand for a self-respecting policy, the Conservative for a policy of tribute. It is difficult to say that this policy set forth by Mr. Borden is merely an emergency one, for it involves the expenditure of \$35,000,000, and there is no emergency calling for so large an expenditure to construct vessels which would have to be manned and supported by the British tax payers. The more the people study this question, those of them who are not carried away by the flag waving hysteria of Tory leaders, the more clearly they will see that the policy of the Liberal party must command their support. Sir Wilfrid does well to move a vote of want of confidence in the Borden government. That government by its naval policy has practically declared a want of confidence in the people of Canada.

### SAVING THE CHILDREN

Child-welfare is receiving more practical attention in St. John at the present time than for a long period. Commissioner McLellan is determined that small children shall not be permitted to run about the streets late in the evenings. They are already prevented from attending moving picture houses unless accompanied by older persons. A vigorous campaign has been started in favor of a children's protection act. All of these measures would of course be unnecessary if parents did their full duty, but they are not doing it, and therefore it is necessary to make and enforce regulations in the interests of the children themselves who are the chief sufferers from the lack of parental care. There will be general approval of the commissioner's decision that the little ones must be kept off the streets after nine o'clock in the evening, and the magistrate intimates that he will strongly support the movement in his judicial capacity. In the city of Fredericton the "vicious" is impressed by the fact that a comparatively early hour all small children, unless in company with their elders, are off the streets. Once the rule has been fairly established in St. John, and it is generally and clearly understood that the rule is to be enforced, there will be no serious difficulty.

### ANOTHER BANK IS TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH IN ST. JOHN. THAT'S A GOOD BUSINESS SIGN.

The new council of the board of trade has mapped out a very progressive program for the next year.

### THE GROWTH OF ST. JOHN'S TRADE IS SHOWN BY THE GREAT PRESSION UPON ITS WHATSALVE COMMODATION. MORE WHATSALS ARE NEEDED, AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN BE PROVIDED.

The Home Rule Bill has passed through committee. The Aquatic government is making slow but steady progress with the great measures which it is determined to put through the house.

### THE FERRY SERVICE IS HEAVILY TAXED BY THE GREATLY INCREASED TRAFFIC TO AND FROM SEASIDE AT WEST ST. JOHN. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE SINGLE TURNTABLE IS NOT EQUAL TO ITS TASK.

Canada is not yet ready to assume the direction of the affairs of the Empire, even if Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen think they could do it. But there is nothing to prevent Canada from building a navy in the meantime.

### THE INTERESTING STATEMENT IS MADE THAT THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STEEL PLANT AT ST. JOHN HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY COMPLETED, AND THAT THE PROSPECT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHIP-BUILDING WORKS AT COURTESY BAY IS BRIGHT. IF THESE PLANS ARE CARRIED OUT, A NEW TOWN WILL SPRING UP WITHIN A VERY FEW YEARS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF COURTESY BAY. THE LAST WEEK HAS DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF ITEMS OF VERY INTERESTING NATURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

### AUSTRALIA'S NAVY

Are Canadians of an inferior British stock, and not as competent to attend to their own affairs as the people of Australia? Australia has adopted a definite naval policy of her own. She began with a policy of contribution but abandoned it for the more self-respecting one of providing her own navy. She has at present almost three destroyers, and has launched and being completed in England a ship of 10,000 tons, of the Invincible type, and two cruisers of 5,000 tons, of the improved Bristol class. The construction of a cruiser and three destroyers has been begun in Australia, and three submarines are being built in England. Thus there is an Australian fleet unit of one Dreadnought cruiser, three smaller cruisers, six destroyers and three submarines.

### BUT STILL MORE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ADOPTED THIS YEAR. IT WILL PROVIDE FOR EIGHT DREADNOUGHT CRUISERS, TEN PROTECTED CRUISERS, EIGHTEEN DESTROYERS AND TWENTY SUBMARINES, AT A COST OF \$115,000,000, SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME ALSO A PERSONNEL OF 15,000 TRAINED MEN WILL BE RAISED AND THE HARBOR AND COAST DEFENCES OF THE COUNTRY MADE THOROUGHLY EFFICIENT. AN AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON TIMES ESTIMATES THAT TAKING CONSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING COST OF DEFENSE WORKS, THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL NAVAL COST OF \$25,000,000.

If Australia, with a population of four and a half millions can cheerfully assume this burden, what shall Canadians say of the Borden policy of tribute? That policy was abandoned by Australia three years ago, and she is proceeding in a patriotic manner to develop her own fleet units, and there is not the slightest hint there or in England that these fleet units would fail to do their full duty in times of peril for the Empire.

### THE BORDEN NAVAL POLICY, COMPARED WITH THAT LAID DOWN BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER, HAS NOTHING TO COMMEND IT TO A SELF-RESPECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE AS ABLE AS THOSE OF CANADA TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN FLEET UNITS ON THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC. THE GREAT SPEECH OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER PRESENTS THE ISSUE SQUARELY, AND IF IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE THERE IS NO DOUBT AT ALL ABOUT THE ANSWER THEY WILL GIVE. THE BORDEN POLICY IS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN BORDEN AND BOURASSA. THE POLICY OF SIR

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"Yes, madam?" He bent forward painfully obsequious.

"Be that parcel for Miss Bacon—mark it 'care of Mrs. Hart,' will you please?" "Thank you!"

### A MOVING MELODY.

Old Biffleigh, after thinking ruefully of the gas and coal that were being consumed downstairs, was just dropping off to sleep when he was roused by a moaning cry from below.

"Eva," he bellowed, making his way to the top of the stairs. "Eva, what on earth is that howling down there?" "Howling, pa!" came in shocked tones. "By it's Mr. Chuffer singing 'Love me and the world is mine'."

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The invention, which is that of a Frenchman named Dupuis, is an entire departure from the present principle of projecting pictures by transmitted light. The transparent ribbon of celluloid gives place to a ribbon of mirror-like silvered and fireproof paper. The small photographic images printed on this paper in the usual manner are projected on to the screen by the light reflected from them. In spite of the more complex course taken by the illuminant there appears to be no great diminution in brilliancy, the lamps at present in use giving a picture far superior in lighting to those commonly shown until quite recently.

If looked at only from the point of view of public safety, this invention has considerable importance, for it demonstrates the use of a picture of quite a new means of projectibility of quite a new means of projectibility of quite a new means of projectibility.

The new process is cheaper than the old and not the slightest sign of danger. Other possibilities are opened up by this invention outside of cinematography. One of these is the production of unbreakable paper lantern slides. Another and still more novel possibility is that of publications to be read in the dark. These magazines are designed to consist of metal-faced paper, the pages abounding in illustrations. To read and enjoy them to the full each page should be separately placed in a special but simple projection apparatus illuminated from the ordinary electric light supply.

SPOTTISH MELODIES.  
In connection with a "Lazarus" in aid of the funds of Kirkcaldy Trades' Guild in the Adam Smith Hall, Glasgow, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Dalziel, M. P., for Kirkcaldy, who performed the opening ceremony, made a strong appeal to the businessmen not to forget the old Scottish melodies. They were all often inclined to encourage foreign music rather than that of their own native hills, and he hoped they would in future give prominence to their own melodies.

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