

"The share which the patriotism of British subjects has moved them to take in the recent reinforcement of the Navy is an immense addition to the Imperial strength. There will shortly be added to the Navy two Dreadnought cruisers. In Australia, and now in Canada, you are making a beginning in the establishment of a local naval force.

"The significance of the new Naval policy in the outer Empire can hardly be exaggerated. In a chapter contributed to the *Naval Annual* for 1910, on colonial resources, Commander Robinson truly says :

"On the horizon of the future, we may picture a fleet in which are representative ships from Australia, New Zealand, perhaps South Africa, as well as from the Old Country, a fleet partly Imperial and partly Dominion owned, but with one discipline, one organization, and one flag ; a fleet of eight or ten battle-ships with their auxiliaries, which would make periodical visits to the ports of each portion of the Empire represented in its composition. There is no reason why such a fleet might not come into being during the next four or five years if the Dominions were willing that it should."

"In reviewing our Naval strength, let us not omit the interest which the King is showing in the noble service in which he was reared, and to which he is warmly attached. It is an inspiration to the Navy.