

If that does not mean that external pressure has put the naval affairs of the Empire in an undesirable position, words have no meaning.

"The China Battle Squadron has disappeared," says Brassey's Naval Annual for 1913 at page 202. "The Japanese Navy is undisputed mistress of the Eastern Seas. In the Mediterranean ten years ago we maintained a powerful fleet. The Mediterranean Battle Squadron has ceased to exist. For a time last year the Mediterranean, our great highway to Egypt and the East, was without a British battleship. In the West Indies, in the waters of South America, and other regions of the world where we have vast commercial interests, the British flag is hardly ever shown, and then only by a small cruiser.

"Twenty years ago the cost to the British taxpayer of Imperial Defence was £35,500,000, of which in round figures £20,500,000 were spent on the Army and £15,000,000 on the Navy. Though our expenditure on Imperial Defence has doubled in the last twenty years, and though the proportions of our naval and military expenditure have been normal, we are not able to give that protection to our interests in distant seas which those interests demand."

WHAT IT COSTS THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

Figures may be given to show the cost of naval protection to the British people:—

Year.	Naval expenditure.	Per head of population.
1880-1.....	\$51,000,000	\$1.43
1885-6.....	63,000,000	1.72
1890-1.....	70,000,000	1.84
1895-6.....	94,700,000	2.38
1900-1.....	145,000,000	3.50
1905-6.....	160,000,000	3.72
1906-7.....	153,000,000	3.47
1907-8.....	152,000,000	3.40
1908-9.....	156,000,000	3.48
1909-10.....	170,800,000	3.76
1910-11.....	194,000,000	4.33
1911-12.....	215,750,000	4.76
1912-13.....	217,700,000	4.77

It will be noticed that as soon as the present Liberal Government in Great Britain came into power it cut down the expenditure, only to find it necessary to increase it again.

THE REASON FOR CANADIAN PARTICIPATION.

The foregoing facts constitute the reason for Canadian participation in the world defence of the British Empire. The Empire lives, exists, by naval strength. That strength is challenged and of late years