

BORDEN PLAYS TO THE NATIONALIST TUNE.

During the campaign Mr. Borden published two important manifestos, in neither of which did he have the courage to advocate his own naval policy of contribution. His manifesto published on the 29th of July, 1919, the day Parliament dissolved, was absolutely silent on the question. The second manifesto issued from Ottawa on August 14th is worthy of very special attention for the reason that as published in two different parts of the country, namely, Halifax and Montreal, it varied materially, evidently with a deliberate purpose, as we shall shortly show.

As published in Halifax Herald, Mr. Borden's pronouncement on the naval question was as follows:

"Since the general election the Government has entered upon a new line of policy in regard to the naval affairs which is of far-reaching importance. The policy adopted was not debated before the people during that election, and it bears all the ear marks of the hasty and ill-considered scheme.

"The plan of the Government contemplates the creation of a naval force that will be absolutely useless in time of war, and therefore, of no practical benefit to Canada or to the Empire."

As published in the Montreal Gazette and other papers, the following words were added which do not appear in the Halifax Herald report, namely:

"It (the Liberal navy) will cost immense sums of money to build, equip and maintain and it will probably result in time of war in the useless sacrifice of many lives."