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SUGGESTIONS MADE AT
IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

British Admiralty Suggests that Canada Should Spend Two Millions a Year—Cruisers of the Bristol Class and Destroyers of the Improved River Class—Dry Docks at Halifax and Esquimaux

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—The plans submitted by the admiralty and war office at the Imperial defence conference held last summer for the naval and military defence of Canada in co-operation with the Imperial forces, and on which the proposed action of the government is based, were laid on the table of the House last week by the Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

In brief the naval program adopted by the government involves the construction of three cruisers of the improved Bristol type, and four destroyers of the improved river class, costing for the cruisers about three and a quarter millions and for the destroyers about a million and a half with an annual outlay for maintenance of something like two millions. Two of the cruisers will be placed on the Pacific coast, and one cruiser, with four destroyers on the Atlantic coast. The total number of officers and men for this nucleus of a fleet is estimated at 1,408, with a pay roll of about \$400,000, with an extra \$100,000 for victualling.

In respect to the military proposals, provision is made for the extension of the plan of co-operation already under way in connection with the Imperial general staff, and the exchange of officers, and training of Canadian troops upon a common system of Imperial organization. The details of the conference papers, and official correspondence relating to the summoning of the conference was presented in blue book form of fifty-two pages.

The first proposal for the conference was made on April 30 last, by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and was transmitted to the various governments for the consideration of self-governing Dominions. The reply from Canada accepting the invitation to attend the conference was received on May 5, and July was suggested as the most convenient date. Then follows the summary of proceedings of the conference, which was, of course, held in camera. The participants included representatives of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Natal, The Transvaal, Orange River Colony, and representatives of the Imperial government.

The admiralty memorandum, which had been previously submitted to the Dominion representatives, formed the basis of the meetings of the conference during the first week in August, and separate meetings took place at the admiralty with representatives of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and generous statements were agreed to in each case.

AUSTRALIA'S PLAN
As regards Australia, the suggested arrangement is that with some temporary assistance from the Imperial funds, the Commonwealth government should provide and maintain an Australian united Pacific fleet. Details of this plan have already been announced from Australia. New Zealand preferred to adhere to her present policy of a contribution of a battleship of the New Indomitable type, which was to be applied towards the maintenance of a China United fleet.

CANADA'S STAFF
As regards Canada, it was considered that her double sea board rendered the provision of a fleet unit of the same kind as that of Australia unsuitable for the present. It was proposed that according to the amount of money that might be available that Canada should make a start with cruisers of the Bristol class, and destroyers of the improved river class; a part to be stationed on the Atlantic seaboard and a part on the Pacific.

In accordance with the arrangements already made the Canadian government undertook the maintenance of dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, and a wireless telegraph service estimated at \$250,000 per year.

Australia ultimately agreed to undertake the maintenance of dockyards at Sydney. No conference was held with the representatives of the South African colonies, an expression of opinion from them being impracticable, pending the formation of the new government of the South African Federation. Similarly, a representative from Newfoundland intimated that the existing provision made by that colony will be continued.

In the admiralty memorandum submitted to the colonial representatives it was stated that "if the problem of Imperial naval defence was considered merely as a problem of naval strategy, it would be found that the greatest output of strength for given expenditures is obtained by the maintenance of a single navy, with the concomitant unity of training and unity of command. Maximum power would be gained if all parts of the empire contributed according to their needs and resources to the maintenance of the British navy."

If, however, long been recognized that the defending conditions under which the naval forces of the Empire should be developed, other considerations than those of strategy alone must be taken into account. Circumstances of the various overseas dominions in respect to population, wealth, power and different stages of growth, geographical position, history and physical environment, and individual and national

sentiment must all be borne in mind. A simple contribution of money or material may be to one Dominion the most acceptable form in which to contribute to Imperial defence. Another, while ready to provide local naval forces and place them at the disposal of the crown in case of war may wish to lay foundations upon which a future navy of its own could be raised.

In the opinion of the Admiralty, a Dominion government desirous of creating a navy should aim at forming a distinct fleet unit, the smallest unit being one, which while manageable in time of peace, is capable of being used in its component parts in time of war.

Local defence flotillas consisting of torpedo craft and submarines, might be of assistance in time of war to the operations of the Imperial fleet, but such flotillas cannot co-operate on the high seas in the wider duties of the protection of trade, and preventing of attacks from hostile cruisers and squadrons; the operations of destroyers and torpedo boats being necessarily limited to coast waters or to a radius of action not far distant from a base.

UNIT COMPLEMENT

Memorandum three advises that the fleet unit to be aimed at should consist of at least the following: One armoured cruiser of the new Indomitable type, three armoured cruisers of the Bristol class, six destroyers, and three submarines, with the necessary auxiliaries, such as a depot and stores, ships, etc. Such a fleet would be capable of action, not only in defence of the coasts, but also of the trade routes, and would be sufficiently powerful to deal with small hostile squadrons, should such ever attempt to act in its waters. The minimum number of men to man such a squadron would be about 2,300. The estimated cost of building and arming such a complete fleet unit would be approximately \$15,500,000, and the annual cost of maintenance at British rates approximately \$3,000,000, not inclusive of the pay of the persons employed in the subsidy service in training, reserve, etc.

The admiralty advised that armoured cruiser of the Indomitable or Dreadnought type should be the first vessel built in commencing the formation of a fleet unit. She would be officered and manned as far as possible by colonial officers and men, supplemented by the loan of Imperial officers and men who might volunteer for service. While on station the ship would be under the exclusive control of the Dominion government, but the naval discipline would be the same as that which obtains in the Imperial fleet.

Further requirements suggested were local provisions for ship building and repairing establishments, training schools for officers and men, and the making of arrangements for the manufacture of the various naval ordnances, and the victualling stores required by the squadron. One common standard in regard to shipbuilding, armaments, training and discipline in peace and war was urged, with a view of keeping the general efficiency of each fleet unit the same, and to allow of successful co-operative action in time of war under the general directions of the admiralty.

CANADA'S SUGGESTIONS

In special conference with the Canadian representatives it was represented on the part of the admiralty that it would be difficult to make any suggestions, or to formulate any plans without knowing approximately the amount Canada was prepared to spend. Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. Mr. Brodeur, then suggested that two plans might be suggested, one involving an expenditure of one million dollars and the other an expenditure of three million dollars, omitting in both cases the cost of the fisheries service and hydrographic services, but including the maintenance of the Halifax and Esquimaux dock yards, and wireless service estimated at \$250,000 a year.

Taking first, the larger plan, the admiralty suggested that Canada might provide four cruisers of the improved Bristol class, costing \$1,000,000 each; one cruiser of the Boadicea class, costing \$1,150,000, and six destroyers of the improved river class, costing \$400,000 each. As regards submarines, it was thought advisable to defer their construction because they require a highly trained and specialized complement. The officers and men for this force of eleven ships would be 2,194, and the actual cost of construction would be, at British rates, \$11,750,000.

It was decided, however, to accept the smaller plan involving an annual expenditure for maintenance of \$2,000,000 a year. Pending the completion of the new cruisers which will be commenced as early as possible, an arrangement will be made for a loan by the admiralty of two cruisers of the Apollo class, so that the new naval personnel may be proceeded with at once. The vessels will be fitted out and maintained at the expense of Canada, and the officers and men provided by volunteers from the Royal Navy, but paid by the Canadian government. They will be lent until they can be replaced from time to time by qualified Canadian officers and men. Arrangements will be made also to receive

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ficient size to accommodate the large

ships of war or commerce, and

that they should be placed on the

Atlantic, Pacific and river St. Law-

rence. If any legislation was passed

to give effect to the proposals it

should be provided that as far as

possible the discipline and general

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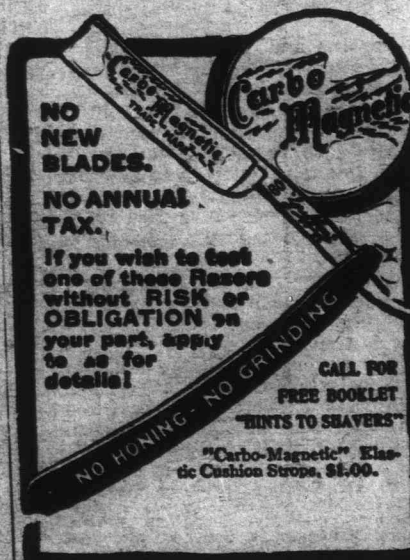
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