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British Government should make Halifax a depôt for mily stores to contain sufficient quantities to supplement the libe requirements of the Canadian Militia, and to supply Royal Colonial Reserve. Such a depôt would provide for possibility of the supply from England being cut off for a solution, and every requirement in order to mobilize a division 5,000 men should be there. In addition, there should be the naval depôt sufficient stores to arm and equip the ters and transports required for the division. All arrangets should point towards making the North American staindependent of Great Britain, and having its base in Can-

ecentralization is, and must be, the greatest safeguard to ain in case of war. To carry all your eggs in one basket overbially unwise; to lock up all your warlike stores in or two arsenals is the most shortsighted folly. The innof England cannot be assumed to be impossible. Owing a power conferred by steam upon the transport service, and ing nation might concentrate a large force with great ity at any required point, and the collection of a sufficient of transports within any suitable harbour would be a mathematical difficulty. "The power of (the enemy's) concening a force before daylight upon any point, and throwing a upon shore in two or three hours," was the knotty ion discussed by the Royal Commission of 1868, and its sility was conceded as beyond a doubt.

erefore, the contingency of having all the stores locked id an enemy between them and your supports, should be ted against.

e word before concluding, as to the constitution of the al reserves, both naval and military. To give them local teristics they should be raised by companies in populous is of the country, and recruits should, as far as possible, afted from the same section. Officers should be local of approved character and military fitness. They should be Queen's Commission, as in the militia of Great Britain. ppointments should at first be provisional, contingent itness, and afterwards confirmed. Promotion should go division. When called out for active service the period be confined to the duration of the war, or to a term not ing three years. The pay and allowances when on servoid be identical with those of the corresponding arms. Imperial service, and when performing annual drill, the s in the militia of Great Britain, with a bounty of £1 d per annum in addition, as a retainer.

ay be considered that in the foregoing scheme I have ery great liberties with the revenues of Great Britain iding for the arming, equipping, and paying of colonial out from my stand-point of an United Empire no such ration should avail. If Great Britain is an Empire, its are constituent parts of that Empire; and waiving the questions of such an union, there can be no doubt t, in event of war, the Empire is collectively bound its enemies. The history of Great Britain shows that great wars its arms have been supported by mercenary paid and subsisted for the purpose of fighting its bat-he extension of its population renders the employment enaries unnecessary; but the exigencies of the times that great armies shall be immediately available to e requirements of modern warfare. Why stint the of the means which are necessary in order to enable bear their share of the burden of war? Why allow war to rot in dry docks or in harbours without crews, y might form schools for the training of a powerful navy? The British taxpayer is the "bugaboo" that rs stood between the motherland and its colonies; but growing belief that this unreasoning person has exist, and that the Empire recognizes no difference the parent stock and its offshoots, and that the day is when Imperial questions will be considered from an stand-point.

Names, Guns, and Complement of North American and West Indian Squadron.

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