

WILL GRIT POLICY ENHANCE FIGHTING POWER OF EMPIRE?

(Winnipeg Telegram)
There is still no disposition on the part of the newspaper organs of the Laurier government to discuss the merits of the naval policy to which Canada has been committed. It has been said in opposition to this policy, that it is ineffectual, that it can bring no strength to the British navy and that it cannot, therefore, be a consequential factor in maintaining the supremacy of that sea power upon which the British Empire relies.

The government organs do not challenge this assertion. They cannot challenge it without challenging at the same time the wisdom of British naval strategy, which has staked the very existence of the Empire on the theory that in naval concentration there is strength and that in division of naval armament there is weakness.

Canada's naval policy is not in harmony with British naval strategy. It is utterly and fundamentally opposite to it. Canada's proposal is to maintain warships in waters from which British warships have been withdrawn. They have been withdrawn in deference to the theory that the power of the British navy should be concentrated in waters where the fight, if there is to be a fight, will take place, and not in waters where in all human probability the Emperor's naval strength will never be put to a test.

It is apparent to the man on the street as it is to the naval strategist, that if Canada sincerely desires to strengthen Britain's sea power, which is Canada's protection as well as the United Kingdom's, her obvious course would be to strengthen the concentrated power of the British navy. But that is exactly what Canada, through her representatives at the Imperial Defence Conference, has refused to do. Instead of strengthening the British navy where it needs strengthening, we are building up a feeble naval unit in a part of the globe which is admittedly free from danger of attack. The situation, therefore, resolves itself into this simple question:

HAS CANADA ADOPTED A NAVAL POLICY WHICH WILL MATERIALLY ENHANCE THE FIGHTING POWER OF THE BRITISH NAVY AND IF SO IS IT THE POLICY BEST CAL-

CULATED TO PROMOTE THAT OBJECT? Policy Not Effective.

We have the virtual confession of Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, that the naval policy adopted is not the most effective that could be devised. They are on record as stating that in the discussion of this great question "the supreme consideration is the constitutional freedom of the state and to this, questions of strategy, no matter how important, must be subordinated." The issue as The Telegram sees it is embodied in those words, which, if they mean anything at all, mean that Canada has not considered the question with a view to effective co-operation with the British navy, but that her naval policy has been constructed within the narrow and arbitrary limits of a bastard nationalism.

If that is so, and Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur have committed this country to a naval policy which means expense without effectiveness, and which would merely

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surely that is something which every good Canadian citizen should take to heart. That is something also which should engage the attention of the newspaper organs that are so ready to deal in generalities and so reluctant to get down to facts.

These journals have clung long enough to the feeble plea that this Conservative member of parliament has said this or that, and another Conservative member of parliament has said something else. What Conservative members said or did not say is not related to the supreme question which turns on the strong probability that Canada has embarked on a naval policy in which effectiveness has been subordinated to prejudice.

Perhaps the government organs will favor the public with their views on this point. They have been eager to discuss a thousand and one irrelevant aspects of this naval situation. Let them now get down to brass tacks and tell the public whether in their opinion Canada is taking that course which will best ensure the supremacy of the British navy. It is on this point that the public interest is centered. It is upon this point that public apprehension must be set at rest.

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Upper Queensbury, Aug. 28.—We are having quite a rainy spell at present which makes it bad for harvesting and those who still have hay to cut.

Quite a number from this place attended the Carnival at Hawkeah last night. Some drove and some went by boat, a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Warren Mooers is able to be out again after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Jennie Cronkite has returned from visiting relatives at Temple and Southampton.

Miss Millie Jewett, of Keswick Ridge, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Edwin Parent, Maple Grove Hotel.

Miss Cora Lockard, of Maple Ridge has been spending a few weeks with friends in this place. She intends going to Fredericton Monday, where she is engaged as a dress maker.

Miss Hazel V. Parent left yesterday to take charge of the school at Nackawick Bridge.

Our school opened yesterday with Miss Clara Wheeler of Fredericton as teacher. She is going to board at the residence of James Huestis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fox spent Sunday at Mr. Ira Hagerman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hagerman and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Hagerman's parents at Dumfries.

Mrs. David McLeod and family, of British Columbia, are visiting Mrs. Victoria Dunham. Mr. Chas. Huestis, of British Columbia, has also been in this place recently.

Mrs. Moses Parent has returned from visiting relatives at Dover, Easton and other places in Maine.

Mrs. McKay and family, who have recently returned from the West, are visiting at G. L. Parent's at present.

Mrs. D. C. Parent has had another serious hemorrhage.

Messrs. Bert Greenfield and Doran Corey start for Aroostook on Thursday. They intend to stay till after potato digging.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hagerman and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parent were to Fredericton last week.

Mr. Bruce Lounsbury of Hawkeah makes his weekly trips through here with a meat wagon.

Owing to rain, the entertainment on the grounds of Mr. Alex. Corey was not as largely attended as it would have been. Between \$35 and \$40 was raised, however, to go towards repairing the interior of the Baptist church.

Some of the boys went blueberrying last week, and report the berries plentiful.

The coming municipal election is quite a topic among the men.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGuire are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy King have taken a trip down river.

TRACY STATION.

Tracy Station, Aug. 30.—Gladstone L. O. L., No. 30, will hold a Grand Orange Picnic here on Sept. 8th.

The Baptist Church and Sunday school will hold their annual picnic on Sept. 15th.

Miss Carrie E. Tracy has recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. John Christie is quite ill with lung trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nason of McAd-