

I have spoken of the divided councils of the Opposition. Not only did they differ from each other, but **each specifically contradicted himself by voice and vote.**

On the 13th February they voted that \$35,000,000 should be appropriated in a lump sum for immediately increasing the naval forces of the Empire.

On the 15th May they voted that this sum should not be appropriated in a lump sum, but by a yearly vote.

On the 13th February they voted that Canada should enter actively upon a permanent policy of naval defence without further delay and that the country should be at once committed to an ultimate expenditure of at least one hundred and fifty millions. In the same evening and within an hour they voted that nothing in the way of naval defence should be undertaken until after a general election.

On the 13th February they voted that measures should be taken during that session to carry out the Naval Service Act of 1910.

On the 27th February they voted that nothing in the way of naval defence should be begun or carried out until after a redistribution bill had been passed and an election held.

In this conglomeration of inconsistencies it is difficult to find any real policy unless it be **to defeat any effective co-operation in the defence of our commerce and the protection of our interests.** But a variety of policies enables their author to use such appropriate emphasis or reticence with regard to any special features as may seem most acceptable to each audience that he addresses. Thus no one has been able to