

"The memorandum prepared by the Board of Admiralty on the general naval situation of the Empire and communicated to this House by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister on December 5th shows that several of the most important of the foreign powers have adopted a definite policy of rapidly increasing their naval strength.

"That this condition has compelled the United Kingdom to concentrate its naval forces in home waters involving the withdrawal of ships from the outlying portions of the Empire.

"That such withdrawal renders it necessary that Canada without further delay should enter actively upon a permanent policy of naval defence.

"That any measure of Canadian aid to Imperial naval defence which does not embody a permanent policy of participation by ships owned, manned and maintained by Canada and contemplating construction as soon as possible in Canada, is not an adequate or satisfactory expression of the aspirations of the Canadian people in regard to naval defence, and is not an assumption by Canada of her fair share in the maintenance of the naval strength of the Empire.

"This House regrets to learn the intention of the Government to indefinitely postpone the carrying out by Canada of a permanent naval policy.

"It is the opinion of this House that measures should be taken at the present session to give effect actively and speedily to the permanent naval policy embodied in the Naval Service Act of 1910 passed pursuant to the resolution unanimously approved by this House in March, 1909.

"This House is further of the opinion that to increase the power and mobility of the Imperial Navy by the addition by Canada under the above Act of two fleet units, to be stationed on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada, respectively, rather than by a contribution of money or ships, is the policy best calculated to afford relief to the United Kingdom in respect to the burthen of Imperial naval defence, and, in the words of the Admiralty memorandum, to 'restore greater freedom to the movements of the British squadrons in every sea and directly promote the security of the Dominion': and that the Government of Canada should take such steps as shall lead to the accomplishment of this purpose as speedily as possible."

And the proposed motion of Mr. Verville, in amendment to the proposed amendment, That the following words be added at the end thereof:—"and the consent of Parliament should not be given to this Resolution until it has been submitted to and received the approval of the electors."

And the question being put on the amendment to the amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Béland,	Ethier,	Lemieux,	Pacaud,
Boivin,	Fortier,	Loggie,	Papineau,
Bourassa,	Gauthier	Lovell,	Pardee,
Boyer,	(St. Hyacinthe),	MacNutt,	Power,
Brouillard,	Gauvreau,	McCraney,	Proulx,
Brown,	German,	McCoig,	Pugsley,
Buchanan,	Graham,	McCrea,	Reid (Restigouche),
Cardin,	Guthrie,	McKenzie,	Richards,
Carroll,	Hughes	McMillan,	Robb,
Carvell,	(Kings, P.E.I.),	Marcil	Ross,
Champagne,	Kay,	(Bonaventure),	Seguin,
Charlton,	Knowles,	Marcile (Bagot),	Sinclair,
Chisholm	Kyt,	Martin (Montreal,	Thomson
(Antigonish),	Lachance,	St. Mary's),	(Qu'Appelle),