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overseas dominions are under sideration."

Note that they were invited to be present when matters of naval defence affecting the overseas dominions were under consideration: committee should be established in each dominion is accepted in prin-

each dominion to decide. changed in the Autumn of 1911, it

inge,"

meant sarcastically or otherwise. My Canada to ask the people of this between him and the Admiralty. kinown opinion is that it is meant to country to contribute an enormous ally it was brought down: be sarcastic, because surely the right amount of money to be sent out of hon. Prime Minister must have this country-to be given, as my hon

known what took place in the Im- friend says, as a free gift to the My Dear Mr. Borden,-British Admiralty-felt that some I have given careful consideration "Subject to consultation with his thing must be done to satisfy the to your two letters about the enperial conference of 1911: colleagues in Canada, Mr. Borden feelings of their friends in the Mari- couragement of the ship-building in-

provisionally accepted the resolu- time provinces and in the other mar- dustry in Canada. I recognize the tions as passed and stated that he itime portions of Canada. Therefore importance of such a policy on gensaw no difficulty in one of his min- they concocted this scheme of build- eral grounds not less than from the isters, either with or without port- ing small cruisers, oil tanks, and immediate Canadian standpoint; and

folio, spending some months of every auxiliary vessels in Canada. While it any practical scheme for Admiralty wear in London in order to carry may be a little wearying, 1 wish to co-operation would command my out this intention. Mr. Asquith and read to the House the statements support. The main difficulty to be I had, subsequently, several private made by both the right hon. the surmounted is to obtain that high. conversations with him, at which he Premier and by Winston Churchill, degree of expert knowledge and exexpressed the desire that the Cana- the First Lord af the Admiralty, on perience which modern warships fedian and other dominions ministers this question. I shall then be will- quire for their efficient construction' who might be in London as mem- ing to leave it to the Conservative Here you have a politician to deal bers of the Committee of Imperial members of this House to decide with, a man who knows how to Defence should receive, in confidence, whether in their judgment there it write a letter which said a good knowledge of the policy and pro- the least ghost of a chance of ever deal, yet meant nothing. He goes

ceedings of the Imperial Government having one of those British vessels on to say: built in Canada. I will be willing to "We might, however, in the first The right hon. gentleman asked leave it to a jury of Conservatives instance, agree upon certain classes in foreign and other affairs." the Premier of Great Britain to al- anywhere as to whether or not it of vessels with which it may be low his minister to have a say in does not almost amount to an insult considered that competent Canadian forsign affairs. Listen to the answer to the intelligence of the people of shipyards would be able to deal. "We pointed out to him that the the maritime portions of this coun- The most suitable classes of vessels Committee of Imperial Defence is a try. The right hon. gentleman says: with which toi inaugurate the syspurely advisory body and is not, and -"I have discussed this subject with tem would be light cruisers, oil-tank cannot under any circumstances be- the Admiralty, and they thoroughly vessels and small craft for auxiliary come a body deciding on policy, realize that it is not to the. Em- services. We should, if it would which is and must remain the sole pire's advantage that all shipbuild- meet your views, be prepared to inprerogative of the cabinet, subject ing facilities should be concentrated vite tenders from approved Canato the support of the House of Com- in the United Kingdom. I am assur- dian firms for the construction of mons. But, at the same time we ed, therefore, that the Admiralty are some vessels of such classes in the

the Prime Minister, the Foreign Sec- sels, and auxiliary craft of various retary and the Colonial Secretary for kinds." information on all questions of Im- This was theered to the echo my friends on the opposite side.

perial policy." When you compare the castigation Then he went on to say: which the right hon. gentleman re- "The plant required is relatively con- ceived at the hands of the Colonial small as compared with that which Secretary for the statement deliber- is necessary for a dreadnought bat-

ately made by the Premier of this tleship, and such an undertaking country in this House on the 5th of would have a much more secure and December last, I think you will permanent basis from a business come to the conclusion that the stgndpoint. For the purpose of stimright hon, gentleman was very hard ulating so important and necessary "(2) The proposal that a defence pressed in order to find some reason an industry, we have expressed our to put before the Canadian people willingness to bear a portion of the as to why they should accept this increased cost for a time at least." proposition. But another reason was I leave it to my Conservative ciple. The constitution of these de- given why they should accept it. friends if they did not believe, when fence committees is a matter for. This was held out as a sop to the that statement wgs made that the

people of Canada. We must remem- right hon, gentleman had made an The Canadian Government having ber that on that delegation to Lon- arrangement whereby these vessels don in 1912 was the representative were to be built in Canada, we pay of the city of Halifax (Mr. Borden) ing a portion of the increased cost was necessary when Mr. Borden and and the representative of the city of That is the only logical conclusion his colleagues visited England this St. John (Mr. Hazen), the two cit to come to from that statement. It summer, to put these proposals be- ies in Canada which, probably more brought forth a letter from the fore them, as of course they I were than any other, are interested in other side. The letter was here; but unaware of the previous proceed- the construction and maintenance of my right hon, friend did not feel a Canadian navy. These hon, gentle- disposed to bring it down to Parlia-I do not know whether that is men, when they were coming back to ment dutil telegrams were exchanged

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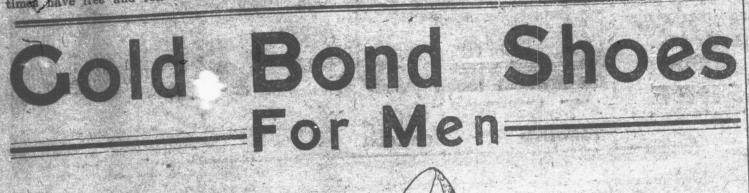
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plant? There again the politician puts it all over the statesman. Let There the British politician tells to point to that feature of our polus go on a little further. We have the Canadian statesman what he icy which provides for the revival of not yet come to the real cream of will do for him, and then turns our ship-building industry, and proround and says: I am not able to do vides for it upon a sound, a well "It would be understood that pro- anything for you because you can- considered and a business-like plan. this proposition: gress with this policy would have to not do it for yourselves. The Cana- Under its fostering care, Mr. Speakdepend on the prices quoted being dian Government will not even put er, we may look forward with conreasonable, having regard to all the up the money to build a shipyard; fidence to the day when we again circumstances (including the fact it will not allow the people of Can- may see our own ships plough the that Canada will be prepared to ada to get reahy to build these distant oceans, when once more to share any extra cost) and also on ships. I do not wonder that my the man of the Maritime provinces the time required for construction right hon, friend held back that the sea will be his rightful heri-

not being excessive as compared statement until my right hon. leader tage." with the dates fixed for completion extracted it from him. He must . Just think of that effusion of eloof similar ships in England. No fix- have known he was putting up sim- quence from the Minister of Marine ed scale or proportion of orders ply an empty husk to his followers and Fisheries, when he had in his could be guaranteed to Canadian in Canada, and I am sorry to say possession the letter from Winston that they cheered him to the echo. Churchill, dated the 4th day af They might get one this year and Mr. GRAHAM: It is like an empty November, 1912, telling him the confirms."

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The Admiralty would, of course, me that the real gem of the whole treated his constituents with the remain wholly respensible for the de- debate comes from the Minister of frankness to which they were enti-Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Hazen), tled. It certainly brands him with the gentieman who represents the having sent out to his constituents city and county of St. John in this something which would lead them Parliament, the gentleman in whose astray whether it was intended to constituency Norton-Griffiths & Com- do so or not. It was something pany, are now building a dry-dock, which could not but lead them the gentleman in whose constituency astray, something which created in Cammell, Laird & Company would their minds hopes which could not now he building war vessels, had be realized. The evidence is that we this Government carried out, the had the Conservative newspapers and policy it should have carried out. politicians proclaiming for weeks: When you read the statement of See what our minister had done for Winston Churchill and the conditions us; the British Admiralty will come under which he would be willing to here to build half their fleet, we are

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