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THE NAVY LEAGUE'S DREADNOUGHT RESOLUTION.

The local branch of the Navy League acted with spirit and promptitude in adopting a resolution and immediately acquainting Sir Wilfrid Laurier with its purport. The point of that resolution was to respectfully urge the Dominion Government to offer the Imperial Government the price of a battleship of the Dreadnought type. Such a ship would give Canada a representation in the greatest navy in the world. It would be an outward and visible sign that Canada recognises what she owes to the British flag and fleet, and wants to share in some measure in its support. And if war with Germany should suddenly break out, Canada's Dreadnought would be in the battle line doing something toward the defence of the Empire.

The position of those who adopted the resolution and spoke in its support is perfectly clear. The offered battleship would do something and represent something alike in peace or war which the proposed Canadian squadron could never do and would not attempt to do. No one has yet shown or attempted to show, how two second class cruisers on our Pacific coast, with one second-class cruiser and a few destroyers on the Atlantic coast, would in any way assist the Mother Country or contribute to the safety of Canada in the event of an early war with Germany. Logic, loyalty and patriotism seem to be with the resolution adopted, but it may be doubted whether it will change the policy of the Government unless other sections of the Dominion speak out in like spirited fashion.

PREMIER MCBRIDE CARRIES HIS PROVINCE.

Premier McBride has apparently won a great victory in the general election held in British Columbia. At this writing it appears that he has retained his previously large majority by retaining his former support and defeating many of his Liberal opponents including the leader of that party in provincial affairs.

The election, while it is a signal triumph for the youthful Premier of the Pacific Coast, can hardly be considered a Conservative party victory in the ordinary sense. The one great question at issue was not one of the party, but rather a very bold venture in Government aid to the Canadian Northern Railway extension. There were prominent men in both parties who thought the venture an almost reckless one, but they were, as it now appears, in the minority.

There was a very considerable mix-up among the party men in consequence. Two of the Premier's colleagues resigned shortly before the election rather than assume responsibility for his railway policy. A Conservative, who was active in his opposition, addressed large meetings against the Government, and actually voting Liberal for the first time in his life. On the other hand that redoubtable old Liberal war horse, Joseph Martin, gave the Government his support. Party lines were very much crossed and broken in the fray, and the result has apparently but little political significance save in this, that while the Pacific Province still remains Conservative the prestige of the clever and popular Premier, still on the younger side of forty, has been very considerably increased. It would now seem possible that he may yet become a very prominent figure in the Conservative party of Canada. The Northumberland arrived in port last night at six ten.

THE NAVY LEAGUE APPROVED

Dear Sir, Permit me to congratulate the Navy League of Charlottetown upon having at last done something worth while. During the past year or so of excitement in naval affairs the League has been as though dead, but happily we may now say it was not dead, but sleeping. Napoleon said of one of the marshals, "He often sleeps but his awakening is like that of a lion." So has it been here. Mr Hyndman's resolution is admirable in distinguishing so clearly between the two subjects of inaugurating a steel shipbuilding industry for the good of Canada, and the offer of a Dreadnought to the Imperial Government for the preservation of our own honor.

Premier Haszard is clearly not up to date in thinking the resolution was too small to speak for the people of Prince Edward Island, or to dictate to the Government. Protests against the Government's policy have been sent from other places, and if sufficient opposition develops no one doubts that Laurier's opportunist policy will be changed with startling celerity. That is the one redeeming feature about an opportunist.

Now as to the urgency question. Lord Macaulay says that "Frederick William was the first who formed a design of obtaining for Prussia a place among the European powers, altogether out of proportion to her extent and population, by means of a strong military organization." His son Frederick the Great, "fired with ambition, interest, and the desire of renown," determined on seizing Silesia from Austria.

"Without any declaration of war, without any demand for reparation, in the very act of pouring forth compliments and assurances of good will, Frederick commenced hostilities. The whole world sprang to arms. On the head of Frederick is all the blood which was shed in a war which raged during many years in every quarter of the world, the blood of the column of Fontenoy, the blood of the mountain-ers who were slaughtered at Culloden. The evils produced by his wickedness were felt in lands where the name of Prussia was unknown; and, in order that he might rob a neighbor, whom he had promised to defend, black men fought on the coast of Coronandel, and red men scalped each other by the Great Lakes of North America."

Frederick is dust, but his principles are as active as ever. Bismarck, also, believed in blood

and iron. He fell upon Denmark in 1804, upon Austria in 1866, and upon France in 1870; with profits in territory, money, and power. Wilhelm II is not satisfied with the greatest army in the world; he says that Germany's future is on the ocean. His people are told that Germany must expand, must have an outlet, both commercially and in the way of remunerative and desirable colonies, where German emigrants may go without being lost to the Fatherland, as is now the case.

Britain alone stands in the way, and until Britain shall be taken out of the way by being deprived of the command of the sea, Germany cannot fulfil her destiny as the chief world-power. During the Boer war, in order to float a great German fleet, Anglophobia was encouraged, and the Kaiser declared that "the German navy was designed to challenge the British navy," and that "Neptune's trident must be in his fist." The German navy bill of 1900 declared that Germany must have a fleet of such strength that a war against the mightiest sea-power would involve risks threatening the supremacy of that Power." Each year since then has shown notable advances in the German navy, and now the British authorities admit that by 1912 the German navy may easily be in a position to challenge the British navy. In consequence, New Zealand has offered a Dreadnought, and a second if necessary. Australia and Canada propose building local or "tin-pot" navies.

As the struggle is to be in the North Sea, these local navies cannot influence the result, but if Germany is triumphant not even the United States can save Canada. In view of these considerations, how frivolous to chatter about autonomy, or dream of helping to fight Germany by building up a toy navy in say twenty years.

C. F. DEACON.
Nov. 25, 1909.

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