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## THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY

The following fine description of the arrival of the Australian naval squadron at Sydney was penned by the Australian correspondent to the "London Times," and may well set Canadians thinking:

The whole of Australia, as well as the masses of people covering the foreshore of Port Jackson, was thrilled today, Oct. 4, when the squadron which betokens both the attainment of Austria's machood and her freely undertaken share of Imperial responsibilities majestically entered the harbor and moored in the bay so long occupied by the British squadron.

The day was calm, cool and bright. Every vantage point was crowded, and all the heights and bays lying outside the main channel were covered with yachts, launches, and row-boats, as well as many large coasting steamers and ferry boats. A steamer containing ministers and members of the Naval Board and their guests proceeded to a point between the Heads, from which the squadron could be described standing in formed up in single line. It passed between the Heads at 10.30 a. m., the battle-cruiser Australia leading, followed by the small cruisers Melbourne, Sydney and Encounter, and the destroyers Warrego, Paramatta and the Yarra, in the order given, and proceeded slowly to Farm Cove, where the Australia took up the flag-ship's moorings. The squadron did not dress ship till it was moored. The local steamers had been requested to refrain from sounding their whistles; consequently the entrance was silent and exceedingly effective, being entirely appropriate the occasion, since it was not one of welcoming visitors, but of watching and accepting the symbol of the grave responsibilities which we have taken upon our own shoulders. As the flotillas laden with spectators in their return journey passed the moored warships great enthusiasm broke forth. The whole ceremony, from start to finish, was extraordinarily impressive.

It was truly a noble picture, one worthy a flourishing and prosperous Commonwealth, the final proof that Australia has held to her part of the naval agreement of 1909; but it points the finger of shame at this country for the treason to that agreement through the cowardice and treachery of the Administration which now rules, afflicts and humiliates Canada.

Premier Borden sent a message of congratulation to Premier Cook of Australia, couched as usual in general terms and misty phrases, to the effect that "Canada stands shoulder to shoulder with Australia and the other Dominions in the firm resolve to safeguard the common heritage," a characteristic utterance with its characteristic evasion and obscurity. Premier Cook replied by expressing Australia's pleasures at sharing in the defence of the Empire and then very significantly added: "May the cement of the Empire get firmer as the NAVIES grow." This was a barbed shaft direct to the centre and Mr. Borden in a humiliating position. "Navies," the plural, not "navy," the singular, was the word used and used in such a manner as to convey a volume of meaning. It was a needle-pointed reminder to the Canadian Premier of his broken faith in regard to the naval agreement of four years ago. Mr. Cook knows what he is talking about and just how to say it.

## HIS FLESH HORRIBLY BURNED

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Wm. D. Mahon, International President of the Amalgamated Association of street railway and electric railway employees, have been appointed a member of the Detroit Municipal Street Railway Board of Commissioners.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SYNOD

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was glad to note that there had been some improvement in Sunday School work in many districts as the result of stimulus which had come from the Sunday School Commission. This commission was well worthy of their confidence and he hoped that it would have the hearty support of both clergy and laity.

In regard to the religious training of the young they might see if whether it is not possible to reverse at least in part the present policy of the public schools in relation to the bible. Let us see whether in spite of former failures it is not possible for us to do something. We have been talking of Christian unity but here is an opportunity to do something more than talk. Here is an opportunity to reconcile some of our differences by placing a common value on the word of God. It seems almost incredible that the Protestant churches of the province will not unite for this important purpose. If the Protestant churches of Quebec have been able to find a common platform we ought to be able to do the same. I am told that any such attempt would meet with immediate opposition of the Roman Catholic church. In view of the special privileges which they enjoy without let or hindrance in this province that seems hardly possible. In the centres of population the Roman Catholics have to all intents and purposes separate schools and are therefore able to guarantee to their children definite instruction in their faith. How then could they take exception to the use of the bible in the schools which are not their own? He suggested that the Synod send to the various churches a strong memorial on the subject inviting them to meet in conference with a frank readiness to surrender anything and everything that belongs to denominational likes and dislikes along so only the word of God may be more honored in the hearts and lives of the children of our land.

## STATE OF THE CHURCH

His Lordship said that the last census showed that the church was steadily forging ahead in Canada. The Roman Catholics are still in the majority and their percentage to the whole population is not as large as it was ten years ago. The census of 1901 gave the standing of the leading non-Roman Catholic bodies as follows:

Methodists .....	916,836
Presbyterians .....	842,443
Anglicans .....	681,494
Baptists .....	318,005

By the returns of 1911 the following is the standing:

Presbyterians .....	1,115,324
Methodists .....	1,179,892
Anglicans .....	1,043,617
Baptists .....	382,666

Commenting on these figures His Lordship thought they could be taken as a safe guide in estimating the actual propagating power of the respective churches. He thought the increase was not due to natural causes but largely to immigration. After making some deductions from the census returns His Lordship expressed the opinion that apart from immigration the Presbyterians and Anglicans stand towards each other in the power of propagation as 25.8 stands to 25.26. In other words, said he the two churches seem to have advanced at about the same rate.

Referring to New Brunswick His Lordship pointed out that the last census showed an increase of population of 20,769. As 18,632 was in the number of French speaking people it was evident that the English speaking population between the years 1901 and 1911 was practically at a standstill. The increase of nearly 19,000 in the Roman Catholic communion was due to the vastly superior proclivity of the French speaking people—a superiority that ought to cause us some concern in view of its inevitable bearing on the religious and racial future of New Brunswick. Quoting from the census returns His Lordship showed the standing of Protestant denominations in New Brunswick to be as follows:

	1901	1911
Baptists .....	80,874	82,106
Anglicans .....	42,005	42,864
Presbyterians .....	39,496	39,207
Methodists .....	35,973	35,558

Commenting on this the speaker pointed out that in ten years the Baptists have gained 1232 adherents and the Anglicans 859, whilst the Presbyterians and Methodists appear to have lost 289 and 1415 respectively. He considered the figures quite noteworthy so far as the church of England is concerned and in view of the fact that during the previous decade it lost a thousand members. One lesson which he derived from the census returns was the necessity of increasing the staff of clergy and in strengthening some of the missionary staff.

## CHURCH FINANCES

In discussing church finances His Lordship referred to an apportionment of \$6,766 placed on the board this year of which \$339 was for work among the Jews. This item he said was a new one but he felt the church should not fail to accept its share of responsibility in the matter. He remarked that the wicked and baseless charges brought against the Jews in Russia might tempt them to follow

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example of the church in the United States in an expression of sympathy. He explained that the allotment for missionary work on the diocese of Fredericton was the smallest in any diocese in Canada.

His Lordship thought the church should deal more fairly and honestly with its missionaries in the matter of stipends. The system in vogue unlike that of the Methodist Board of Missions made no distinction in the matter of stipends between married and unmarried men. The present average is a little less than \$750 and falls below what is the accepted Methodist standard by \$150. He hoped the recommendation of the Board for an increased stipend would receive the earnest consideration of the synod. The increased calls to the diocese mean the necessity of raising an additional \$4000 annually for missionary work. He knew the church people could do it, but will they do it? He had spent a good deal of time examining the finances and he did not feel that the church was doing its best. He concluded this portion of his address with a strong appeal to churchmen for a more generous financial support for the work of the church.

In discussing the solemnization of marriage said there was a little uncertainty in the minds of some of the clergy as to the law touching the publication of bans. The manual for church officers contained a summary of the provincial statutes and he thought every clergyman should have

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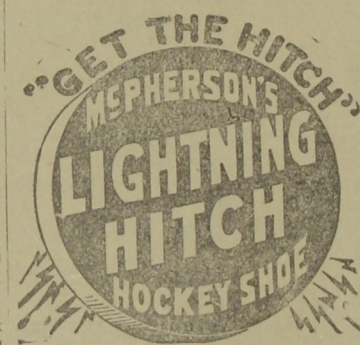
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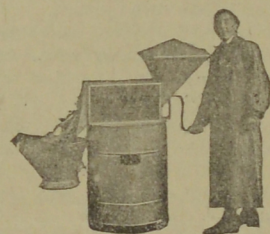
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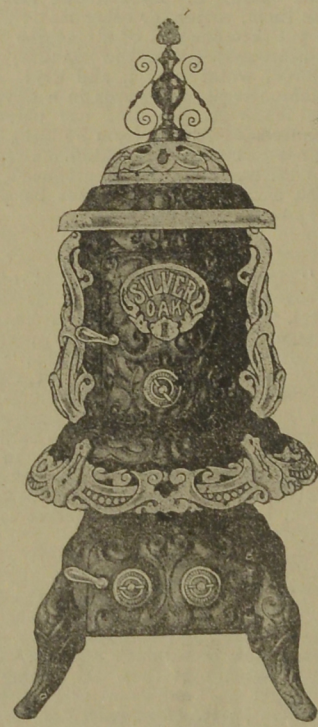
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