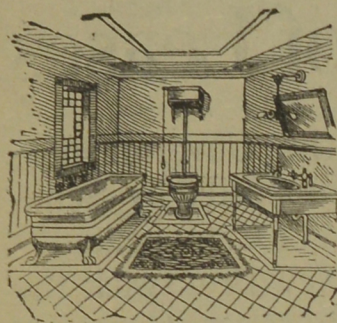


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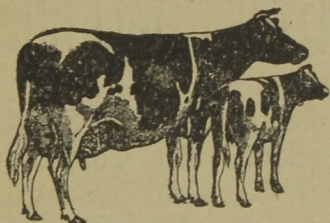
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## IRRECONCILABLE VIEWS OF CANADA'S PREMIER

An Amazing Change of Front on the Naval Question Since 1909--Hansard Reports of Mr. Borden's Speeches Convict Him of a Most Remarkable Right-about-face Performance

Ottawa, March 4—It seems incredible that the premier, who is seeking to gag the advocates of Canadian self-defence in the House of Commons is the same R. L. Borden who four years ago this very month made a stirring patriotic speech in the House of Commons in favor of the policy he now denounces. From the records of Hansard the following extracts have been taken, indicating how utterly irreconcilable the views of Mr. Borden are today with the opinions he urged upon parliament four years ago and to which he secured the unanimous assent of the Liberal party.

Mr. Borden, Hansard, March 29, 1909—In so far as my right honorable friend, the prime minister, today outlined the lines of naval defence of this country, I am entirely at one with him. I am entirely of the opinion in the first place that the proper line upon which we should proceed in that regard IS THE LINE OF HAVING A CANADIAN NAVAL FORCE OF OUR OWN. I entirely believe in that.

The other Borden, Hansard, Dec. 5, 1912—There have been proposals to which I shall no more allude than we should build up a great naval organization in Canada. In my humble opinion NOTHING OF AN EFFICIENT CHARACTER COULD BE BUILT UP IN THIS COUNTRY WITHIN A QUARTER OR PERHAPS HALF A CENTURY.

Mr. Borden, Hansard, March 19, 1909—I do desire to emphasize, as far as is in my power, the importance to Canada of some attempt at naval defence, of the defence of our seaports and the protection of our commerce. Let us look at the question from another aspect. How many cities and towns are there in Canada which would be open to the raids of a second or third-class cruiser? I suppose THERE ARE NOT LESS THAN FORTY OR FIFTY CITIES AND TOWNS IN CANADA OF 2,000 POPULATION OR UPWARDS WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO THE RAID OF AN ENEMY COMING AGAINST US.

The other Borden, Hansard, Feb. 29, 1913—What will be the purpose of the navy which my honorable friends propose to create when it is created? They propose to have one fleet unit on the Atlantic and one fleet unit on the Pacific. For what purpose will they be placed there and to what extent will they be effective? I say that the defence of Canada will be by the united naval forces of the whole empire, and I further MAINTAIN THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A SINGLE FLEET UNIT ON THE ATLANTIC OR A SINGLE FLEET UNIT ON THE PACIFIC TO DEFEND THE SHORES OR COAST LINE OF CANADA AGAINST SUCH AN ATTACK as might be expected if an attack were to take place.

Mr. Borden, March 29, 1909—I think that an expenditure of money designed for that purpose (local naval defence) OUGHT IN THE MAIN AT LEAST TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF OUR OWN PARLIAMENT and that by making an appropriation of this kind and attending to the defence of our own coasts by co-operation and co-ordination with the imperial naval forces we would be rendering a real service in the defence of the empire and we would be doing our duty not only to Canada but to the empire as a whole.

The other Borden, Feb. 29, 1913—If you have the British navy, the most powerful navy in the world, if you co-operate with it, IF YOU ASSIST IN MAINTAINING AND BUILDING IT UP, I VENTURE TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE ARRIVED, FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST, AT THE BEST SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM that could possibly be devised and in support of this I take the clear statement of the admiralty that the best way in which Canada can aid the empire at the present time is by the provision of a certain number of the strongest and most powerful battleships that money can procure or science can devise.

Why this amazing change? Why this explicit repudiation of every sentiment in favor of a Canadian naval defence service expressed in 1909? The answer is writ large in the parliamentary history of the past three years. Mr. Borden could not have formed a government without the support of the Nationalists and the Nationalist-Conservatives of Quebec,

who were pledged to fight against a Canadian navy to the last ditch. He took their representatives into their government and proposed that they support a money contribution to the British navy, which would not involve the raising of men for a Canadian force. The Nationalists, it will be remembered, based their fight against Laurier's navy on the fear of the habitant mothers that their sons would be drafted on board ships and sent to fight Britain's battles all over the world.

A money contribution, it was evident, could be made to look less objectionable than the spectre of conscription. Of the government's Quebec wing, Mr. Monk alone refused to take the bait and resigned. The other ministers stayed with their portfolios, and Mr. Deputy Speaker Blondin, the Nationalist who told how the French-Canadians had to shoot holes in the British flag to gain their liberties, is now busily engaged, under Speaker Sproule, in trying to gag the Liberals, who will stand for Canadian naval self-defence. It is the Nationalist movement that explains the present deadlock in the House of Commons. The Nationalist allies of the government are willing to "ransom" Quebec's sons by a money contribution. That is why Borden stands today for a contribution and against Canadian naval self-defence the policy which Mr. Foster and he first urged upon parliament.

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### ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS WIFE

Springfield, O., March 5—Public interest in the case of Dr. Arthur B. Smith, who is under indictment for the alleged murder of his wife, when the case was called in court for trial. Strenuous efforts are being made by the defense to secure further delay. Dr. Smith, a member of a prominent family and a physician in good standing, was arrested on November 22 last on a charge of having poisoned his first wife, who died suddenly on March 18, 1912. The action of the physician in wedding Miss Mabel Merchant, a nurse in a local hospital, within a few months after the death of his first wife aroused public suspicion. The remains of the dead woman were exhumed and a chemical examination made of the contents of the stomach. The result was that the physician was indicted on a

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## FLORENCE FAIRBANKS ON FADS AND FASHION

New York, March 4—Among the tempting offerings in the line of new fabrics displayed in the shops are the heavy silks. The heavy lustrous failles, ottomans, bengalines, poplins, and Bedford cords, in rich and beautiful colorings, promise a far greater variety than was possible last spring with its monotonous black, blue or taupe satin suit, repeated in wearying sameness. Silk covert cloth is another interesting novelty.

For more dressy gowns the brocaded silks will be used, especially in combination with plain silks of the same shade. Brocaded silk wraps will be found with plain one-piece dresses. A plain charmeuse costume, in a shade between tan and yellow, has a loose medium-length coat of brocade. Poplins on which a self-toned satin brocade appears are used in combination with plain poplins of the same shade. Plain and moiré poplins are also combined.

There are many new weaves in black and white worsteds which furnish interesting variations from the traditional shepherd's plaid. They will find a place in the tailored skirts to be worn with coats of a plain color. Women who are ordering spring walking suits would do well to curb their own or their tailor's inclination to drape the skirts into real bunchiness. Many of the best houses show a good proportion of almost or quite plain skirts in these strictly trotting suits. Paris even displays a very noticeable number of tailored gowns with pleated skirts, some of them regular "kilted" skirts, though with quite narrow pleats, others with pleated sections. An ingenious way of securing additional width, when desired, is offered in an imported model which has a plain panel buttoned on over a slightly full back. This can be buttoned up as far as one wishes and does not have the appearance of an intentional makeshift but seems a legitimate feature of the design.

Sleeves are of such endless variety that a woman must be difficult indeed to please if she cannot satisfy her individual preferences. Long, short and three-quarter ones are shown side by side in exhibitions of blouses, while the long and the three-quarter ones divide the coats between them according to the type of these garments, whether tailored or dressy. In the latter case the sleeves often have deep-turned back cuffs trimmed with good-sized buttons and simulated buttonholes made of silk. Armholes show almost as wide a variety. Some begin close under the arm, but run up to the collar, making a raglan shoulder, the top of the sleeve continuing to a point at the neck. Others begin in the usual

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