

SHIPS OF CANADIAN NAVY WILL BE OF HEAVY TONNAGE

Comparison Shows That They Will Compare Favorably With Same Type in Other Navies---Disastrous Tariff War Averted.

(Special correspondence.)

Ottawa, April 2.—There is a great deal of misapprehension as to the size of the vessels which it is proposed shall form the nucleus of a Canadian navy. Conservatives have made it appear that the entire scheme is upon such a trivial plan that no future is presented for the youth of Canada to enter upon the naval profession.

Doubt has been presented in two forms. First that the proposed navy was of the "tin pot" variety, so insignificant that no career was presented to young Canadians to join it because it offered no attractions.

Second—Because the navy contemplated did not meet with the approbation of the British Admiralty.

These two suggestions are without any foundation, in fact. It may be said first, that the vessels are of great size, tonnage and strength; and secondly, that they are the very type selected by the British Admiralty.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

To make the subject more intelligible the proposed vessels are as follows:

Niobe, armored cruiser, 11,000 tons displacement; 435 feet long, 69 feet beam, 26 feet draught; 16,500 indicated horsepower; speed 20 knots; cost originally \$2,741,415; coal capacity, 1,000 tons; complement, 600 men; 16 6 in. guns, 14 12-pounders, 5 3-pounders, 2 machine guns, two torpedo tubes.

This vessel is to be purchased from the British government, and will be first stationed on the Atlantic coast, and be used as a training ship. It is part of the scheme to train Canadians for a naval career, pending the construction of the permanent vessels of the fleet. This will meet the aspirations of a great many young men who have already signified their intention of entering the navy.

Rainbow, armored cruiser. This is a vessel of 3,600 tons purchased from the British government to do service on the Pacific as a training ship, in the same way as the "Niobe" will on the Atlantic.

Four Bristol, armored cruisers each 4,800 tons displacement; 430 feet long, 47 feet beam, 15½ feet draught, 22,000 indicated horse power; speed, 25 knots; complement each 20 officers and 371 men.

These are the latest type of fast cruiser being constructed by the British Admiralty. So recent are they that the latest particulars with regard to them have not been given out. The particulars of construction and armament will not be divulged.

Six Destroyers of the latest improved river class. The very latest type adopted by the British Admiralty. They will be about 225 feet long, 23½ feet beam, 9 feet 6 in. draught, twin screw; 600 tons displacement; 7,500 indicated horse power, over 25 knots speed. Complement 30 officers and 546 men.

SUBSTANTIAL FIGHTING FORCE

The navy will thus consist of twelve vessels, about 65 officers and 2,500 men. As to the armament it cannot be mentioned now with any certainty, as details of this description are not given publicly, but the fleet will be a formidable fighting unit, and of the greatest service to the Empire in case of emergency. As coast and commerce protectors they are the very same class of vessels for a similar purpose by Great Britain and are recommended to Canada as the most useful type for the purpose required.

Approximately this navy will cost \$11,500,000 to build and about \$3,000,000 a year to maintain.

ADMIRALTY SUGGESTED IT

The entire scheme was based upon the specific recommendations of the British Admiralty. The object sought was to relieve the British fleet of the task of defending commercial routes in time of war. The cruisers it was pointed out, would by reason of their great speed, be enabled to know the whereabouts of an enemy and give timely warning to the heavier battleships. At the same time their own armament will be of such strength that they can take care of themselves in an emergency.

COMPARE WITH UNITED STATES

These are the vessels described by Conservatives as a "tin pot" navy. For purposes of comparison it may be stated that the Niobe is 3,000 tons larger than the two largest of the United States cruisers, and 8,000 tons larger than most of the others.

COMPARE BRISTOLS

The Bristols will be exceeded in size by only three United States cruisers—two being those referred to above, which are themselves 3,000 tons smaller than the Niobe. The Bristols will be larger by several

thousand tons, than thirty cruisers of the United States navy, and be only exceeded in size by three United States cruisers.

If the Canadian navy is "tin pot" what of the United States navy?

COMPARE WITH OTHER NAVIES

Another point of comparison is that the Canadian cruisers are larger than any cruiser in the navies of the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey.

CANADA'S CRUISERS ARE LARGER THAN 32 OUT OF 37 FRENCH CRUISERS.

CANADA'S CRUISERS ARE LARGER THAN 45 OUT OF 51 GERMAN CRUISERS.

CANADA'S CRUISERS ARE LARGER THAN 22 CRUISERS OF THE ITALIAN FLEET.

CANADA'S CRUISERS ARE LARGER THAN 9 OUT OF 10 SPANISH CRUISERS.

NAVY TO BE PROUD OF

It is evident that the Canadian navy bears comparison well with the cruisers of any other marine power in the world. Cruisers are a very important part of a navy, and as Canada followed the suggestions from the British admiralty with regard to the type of vessels which would be of the greatest assistance to the empire in case of hostilities, it stands to reason that Canada has the nucleus of a navy of which any country would be proud.

HOW ABOUT DESTROYERS?

As to the destroyers, those for the Canadian navy are larger than any similar type in the navies of the Argentine Republic, Austria-Hungary, Chile, China, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Norway, Sweden and Turkey.

France, Germany and the United States have some destroyers larger than those of Canada, but the Canadian ones are vastly superior to many of those belonging to either of the countries mentioned in tonnage, indicated horsepower and speed.

CAREER FOR YOUNG MEN

The few particulars given here, which may be found by reference to official sources, indicate that Canada will have a navy of the most up-to-date character. It is true there will be no Dreadnought yet, but all the other vessels are the best modern science has evolved.

Much has been said about Australia and New Zealand giving Dreadnoughts to the British navy. It should be remembered that while Australia provides an unit, Great Britain contributes \$1,250,000 a year towards the expense of it. As to New Zealand, it was arranged that the Dreadnought provided by her should be stationed on the China station, and only the smaller vessels of the unit be maintained in New Zealand waters.

AUSTRALIA THE SAME

There is another point about which much misunderstanding exists. Criticism has been directed against the Canadian government because the Canadian fleet does not pass automatically under British control in case of war. It appears that Australia has a similar provision in the law to that of Canada. To set the matter at rest, Admiral Kingsmill cabled the Australian government as follows:

PARLIAMANT MUST CONSENT

"Please inform me by telegraph, as soon as possible, whether, in the event of war, vessels of Australia's navy pass automatically, without any action, under control of Admiralty."

To the above cable the following reply was received by Admiral Kingsmill:

"With reference to your telegram, transfer control to the Admiralty is not to be automatic, but subject to approval of Commonwealth Government on declaration of war."

The objections raised in this regard to the control of Canadian parliament have no force.

YOUNG MEN WILL JOIN NAVY

It is confidently anticipated that many applications will be made by young Canadians ambitious to make a career in the Canadian navy. To them it may be said, that not only is the ambition laudable, but in the Canadian navy they will have the same opportunity as would be available in any first-class navy in the world.

It is true that Canada at this time cannot offer positions upon Dreadnoughts, but this is not a serious drawback. Cruisers form the largest part of every navy; they are more mobile, and on board of them the recruit sees more service than he would upon a mere fighting machine.

HONORABLE CAREER OFFERED.

The Canadian navy offers an honorable career to young men who seek the profession of the sea. The vessels of the Canadian navy are the very best and latest of their type, and experience upon one of them will count in any navy in the world.

It is a crime to discourage ambitious young men from joining the navy upon the ground that the boats are small and insignificant. This is not the case. The Canadian cruisers are the equal of any of their type afloat, and superior to most cruisers of any other recognized fleet in the world today. This can readily be seen by reference to any naval annual.

NO TARIFF WAR.

There will be no tariff war with the United States. The able diplomacy of the Canadian ministers has averted what promised at one time to be a very serious condition.

To comprehend the situation, it must be understood that unless Canada were included in the President's proclamation issued on Thursday last there would be 25 per cent. ad valorem added to the existing duties against Canada.

As the matter stood, during the negotiations, as a matter of law the President could not interpret the Aldrich-Payne bill so as to include Canada in those countries enjoying the minimum tariff of the United States.

It became necessary then to make some slight concessions so as to pave the way for the proclamation. These concessions are thirteen in number and do not materially affect the situation from a tariff standpoint, but the fact that they have been given makes it possible for the President to interpret the law in favor of Canada and give to us the benefit of the United States minimum tariff.

FUTURE RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

In addition to this the way has been prepared for certain negotiations in the future having in view a broader scheme of reciprocal trade. This is a condition greatly to be desired, and the fact that a tariff war, with its baneful consequences has been averted, should be the subject for mutual congratulation on the part of the Government involved.

The opinion is prevalent that even if Canada "stood pat" she would be included in the proclamation in any event, without making any concessions. This may be true, at the same time between nations it is much better to proceed upon the lines of compromise so long as the course of national honor may not be deviated from.

SETTLEMENT WAS ON WISE LINES.

Mr. Fielding probably realized that in future negotiations with the United States, a pleasant termination of the present difficulty would have an important bearing. In this view he will be sustained by the thinking people of Canada, after the first feeling of disappointment has passed away.

The hope expressed by the United States of future reciprocal trade arrangements with Canada is an encouraging sign. Heretofore Canada has gone to the United States, but Canada has grown since then, and now the United States comes to Canada.

Conservatives will, of course, claim that there has been a surrender. In fact that prejudiced and untrustworthy publication, The Toronto Mail and Empire, has already made the claim. Substantial business men irrespective of politics, will see in an amicable settlement another evidence of the statesmanship of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There is no doubt his was the hand that guided the entire negotiation and to his astuteness, and broad minded policy, the satisfactory results achieved may be attributed.

TO CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Conservatives are falling into a worse and worse condition each day. In the house there is no leader but several would-be leaders. Every man speaks as he likes without regard to his party or his party's policy.

NEWS FIGHTS ITS PARTY.

The Conservative paper, The Toronto News, is employed just now in lambasting Mr. Monk. First, Mr. Monk is credited with views looking to the dethronement of Mr. Borden as leader of the Conservative party. Following this, Mr. Monk is castigated by The News, and held up as a person of no consequence, no political weight, no political force in the party. Mr. Monk is ridiculed as a man of mediocre political intelligence with no initiative, no ideas of the slightest use to the party.

BIGGER THAN HIS TRADUCERS.

It will occur to many people that Mr. Monk would measure up favorably with the writer of The News article, under almost any conditions. In the meantime, Mr. Borden speaks in Halifax and expresses views the very contrary of those entertained at the time the Naval policy was decided upon.

"We are never completely happy," said the ready-made philosopher. "Of course not," said the practical person. "A boy wishes he were a man so that he could have all the mince pie he wants and a man wishes he were a boy so that he could digest it."

LONDON THINKS THAT TEDDY TALKS TOO MUCH

His Advice to British Officials in Soudan Not Relished---Trouble May Result.

London, April 4.—Col. Roosevelt's discussion in Egypt of Egyptian domestic politics is regarded with misgiving here even by jingo politicians, to whom imperialistic and anti-democratic utterances should naturally be acceptable. This misgiving is intensified by private advices from Khartoum that Col. Roosevelt, in a speech at the Soudan Club, told the British military officers and officials that their splendid work on the Empire's frontiers would be nullified unless they received proper support from London.

More than that he assured his hosts all Britishers, that he would take the opportunity to tell the Government so when he gets here.

The chronic complaint of all military commanders and officials on every frontier is that they are not "properly supported" by the Government, which means, in reality, that the Government will not take the responsibility of allowing them to keep the Empire in perpetual frontier war. So Roosevelt's sympathy with the bellicose and autocratic officers delighted them. Letters from Khartoum say that the Soudan Club members never showed such enthusiasm even for the King on his birthday, as they did for Col. Roosevelt after his speech.

Thoughtful politicians say that if Roosevelt keeps his promise—"fulfills his threat" some put it—his visit here may become the occasion of the bitterest political strife. No part of the Liberal Government's task is more difficult than that of restraining officials in regions like the Soudan from dealing with native races as if they have neither rights nor feelings. That task may become enormously harder if Col. Roosevelt, representing a democratic country, champions the demands of rough-riding officialdom.

He will be here about the time when, as now seems inevitable, a general election will be held. Then any political, or even politico-philosophic pronouncements by him might be serious in their consequences.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is expected here before her father arrives from the continent. She will leave New York before the end of this month her friends here say. Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their two daughters, and Kermit will be guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Whitlaw Reid at Dorchester House. Mr. Reid is still receiving many invitations for Col. Roosevelt or offers to entertain him while in England. No less than thirty nine such invitations have come to the Ambassador in the last week. He has forwarded them to Col. Roosevelt, who, it is expected, will decline them all, for he has more engagements on hand than he can reasonably be expected to fill.

NINE MILLION SPENT ON N. T. RY. IN PROVINCE

The expenditures of the past month on the six contracts of the National Transcontinental in New Brunswick have brought the total cost of the section of the road in this province up to the nine million mark. To be exact the cost to date has been \$9,080,569.86. March has naturally been a slack month, but it has been possible to do considerable work on two of the sections and \$103,909.29 has been expended. On contract 4, that between the junction of the N. T. R. and the Canada Eastern at McGivney's and Plaster Rock, \$58,799.74 was spent during the month. The work has consisted chiefly of big fills made by train hauls.

There is still an abundance of snow in the upper portion of the province, and May will be the first month of great activity. From that time on to the end of the year, things will be very busy along the line of construction, as the New Brunswick section is to be completed by the end of the present year.

Horace Longley, assistant district engineer, returned to St. John yesterday from a trip over the right of way. Mr. Longley was able to drive by sleigh from Grand Falls to Residency 14, a distance of 57 miles, on part of which he made very good time. From McGivney's to this city he made the distance by buggy. C. O. Foss, district engineer, left for Ottawa last evening.

Following are the estimate figures to date:

	Total Exp. to date	Exp. March
Contract		
No. 1,	\$1,698,841.50	\$ 4,438.75
No. 2,	333,253.43	1,097.32
No. 3,	854,099.36	7,185.05
No. 4,	1,850,727.78	58,799.74
No. 5,	2,417,530.93	26,962.15
No. 6,	1,822,208.39	1,426.28
	\$8,976,660.39	\$103,909.29
	103,909.29	
	\$9,080,569.68	

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"He did, but the poor fellow was not able to find the key hole."

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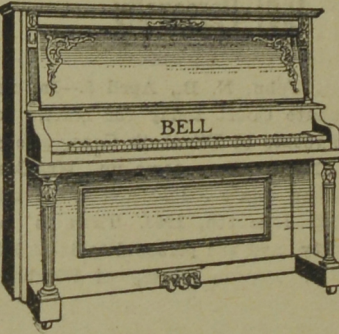
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Dated at Fredericton aforesaid, this twenty fifth day of February, A. D. 1910.

J. F. Winslow
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