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BORDEN MUST GET ADVICE.

Mr. Borden and his colleagues are anxiously awaiting further orders from England before the Canadian naval policy can be made public. When one remembers the speeches made by the Premier, both in London, and on his return, this seems a rather peculiar state of affairs. It was stated with admirable frequency that Canada is now becoming one of England's chief advisers, and that the ministers from the Dominion were treated to an inside view of the workings of British affairs. We were given to understand that whatever Mr. Borden said was greeted with glad cries of admiration by all who listened, and that his statements would have much to do with framing the policies of the world's greatest power. Yet Mr. Borden is back in Canada, waiting for a suggestion from England which will enable him to make known his plans, a rather remarkable situation, the Canadian premier anxiously preparing to receive instructions from the Motherland. If Mr. Borden was sincere in his remarks regarding the treatment he received in London, it would appear that the English statesmen are more shrewd even than we had supposed. They succeeded in giving Mr Borden the idea that he was really important, whereas future developments go to show that he was merely made a pawn in the Imperial game. It was cleverly done too, for the press associations carried glowing accounts of the enthusiasm which Canada had stirred up in the councils of the nation.—Saturday Sunset.

TORIES ALREADY AT ELECTION TACTICS

The warning issued by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the Canadian people to be prepared for an election does not come with so much surprise as would be the case with most governments of one year in office. For some time the signs of an impending election have been manifested throughout the country. In almost every constituency, especially those which will be divided by the redistribution act, which is inevitable, the Tory campaign is starting.

Members are dodging about throughout their ridings promising, smiling and hand-shaking, and maybe are taking the party's choice for the newly to be created districts about with them, that they too may get acquainted and accustomed to the baby kissing game.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN EVENT OF AN INVASION.

The suggestion advanced by a pioneer missionary in the north that were the threatened Japanese peril to eventuate Northern British Columbia would be the battle ground suggests terrible possibilities for an invasion. True, such an occurrence may not be probable, for at least many years, and as the Vancouver "Sun" remarks, would not be tolerated by the United States. Then again, the statement is made that Japan's finances would not allow for a war. That may be true now, but what about ten years hence?

To look at the matter as does the revered gentleman, the invasion is feasible. With absolutely no protection for the railway terminals of the north, the securing of this port, five hundred miles nearer the Orient than Vancouver, would be an easy matter. Then were the Indians to join the Japs, as he suggested, and keep their line of communication open to the coast, the interior would be at their mercy, while the Queen Charlotte Islands would be their naval base. Japan realizes that if she invaded Canada she would have to reckon with the Republic and knows full well that the United States' fleet would not leave their own coast undefended to go six hundred miles north to fight Canada's battle, while at the same time thousands of brown men on the Pacific Coast would be under arms and thousands more of them would be pouring across the border from Lower California and Mexico. And what would become of the Hawaiian Islands?

It is only one chance in a hundred that Japan would ever attempt such a thing as to war against the United States and Canada, but it is for Canada to protect herself against that one chance, and that means that Laurier's naval policy must be carried out and enlarged.



PREMIER M'BRIDE CORRECTLY REPORTED ON NAVAL POLICY

VICTORIA TIMES PROVES CONCLUSIVELY THAT HALF HEARTED DENIAL OF GLOBE INTERVIEW WAS INCORRECT IN VIEW OF STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS OF PREMIER.

The report of the interview of Sir Richard McBride by a special representative of the Toronto Globe, in which the Premier stated that British Columbia demanded and had a right to expect in Mr. Borden's naval policy a fleet unit on the Pacific Coast, has been widely commented upon in the East. No serious attempt has been made to discredit the substantial accuracy of the report for several reasons. In the first place, in his conversation with the Globe man, Sir Richard merely repeated what he has stated in public meetings, on the stump, in newspaper interviews in England and Eastern Canada less than six months ago, and in the Legislature when the following amendment was moved by him and adopted by the House:

"That the Dominion government be urged, in view of the great importance of the immediate and adequate protection of the Pacific Coast of Canada, to consider the question of naval defense at the earliest possible moment, and, be it further resolved that an humble address be presented to his honor the Lieutenant Governor respectfully requesting him to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State at Ottawa."

And marching valiantly behind him has been his devoted local morning organ, which in numerous articles emphasized the imperative necessity of adequate naval protection for the Pacific Coast. In justice to the morning paper it should be admitted that it was never so resourceful as to confine itself to one particular policy, but in the last three years has supported all policies, sometimes in the same article, with a vehemence and entertaining inconsistency all its own.

The interview with Sir Richard McBride, which embodies the views he has expressed time and time again in this city, was obtained on appointment by one of the most responsible and reliable journalists in Canada—the Parliamentary correspondent of the Toronto Globe—during a recent visit here. The time and place of the interview were arranged by the Premier upon the solicitation of the newspaper man. That the report contains Sir Richard McBride's real views on the navy question in a general sense the local public will readily believe, and the fact that the Premier's "explanation" was buried away in an obscure part of his local organ is excellent confirmation in itself.

The Montreal Star, which opposes a fleet unit on the Pacific, has seized upon the alleged denial by the Premier of the interview with avidity, and would have the Eastern people believe that, like itself, Sir Richard McBride is against everything in the shape of a naval policy, except a contribution in the North Sea. The Star has frequently belittled the claims of the Pacific for a fleet unit, and is endeavoring to inter-

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pret the attitude of the British Columbia Premier as being of a similar nature.

As a matter of fact, Sir Richard's views on the question of a Canadian navy were quite correctly reported in the Globe.—Victoria Times.

WILL TUNNEL AT STEWART

Company Organized to Drive Big Tunnels to Tap Portland Canal and Other Mines.

Stewart, Oct. 1.—The last issue of the Gazette contains notice of incorporation of the Portland Canal Tunnels, Ltd., with head offices at Victoria. The company is capitalized at \$700,000, divided into 2,800,000 shares. This is the undertaking formed to drive a tunnel on Glacier Creek to tap the properties of the Stewart, Glacier Creek, O. K. and the Portland Canal mines. The following are the objects for which the company has been incorporated: For acquiring, managing, developing, working and selling mines (including coal mines), mineral claims and mining properties and the winning, getting, treating, refining and marketing of mineral and coal therefrom.

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