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MAKING A TRADE TREATY WITH JAPAN.

According to a despatch from Ottawa last week, the Borden government has decided to become a party to the treaty between Great Britain and Japan, which was concluded in 1911.

It is stated, however, that the Dominion act will make provision that nothing in the treaty shall affect the terms of the Canadian immigration act.

When Mr. Churchill declared that this country could not build ships, he did not know this country, and did not know Canadians.

It will not be forgotten either that previous to that time the McBride government had endeavored to pass an act similar to that of Natal, for the complete exclusion of Asiatics.

and the time may come here, as it has come in several parts of California, when they will monopolize certain classes of agricultural production and drive out the white farmer.

WHO SAYS WE CAN'T BUILD SHIPS?

"Canada can't build ships," wrote Winston Churchill to Mr. Borden, and Mr. Borden agreed with him.

When Mr. Churchill declared that this country could not build ships, he did not know this country, and did not know Canadians.

When they tell us that Canada cannot build ships, it merely has the effect of causing nearly every Canadian to exclaim: "What's that?"

They said we could not build the C. P. R. from the Atlantic across the Rockies to the Pacific, and they would not lend us money to let us try.

Lots of people knew, it came to them in a flash, the moment Mr. Churchill said that Canada can't build ships, that there is nothing Canada is more certain to build than just that—ships.

THE FIRST LORD

and His Chorus of Bordenite M.P.'s

By J. W. Bengough, with Apologies to Sir W. S. Gilbert

Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty: In nineteen'nine, I remember quite well

Two speakers who made British bosoms swell. "A Canadian navy!" cried these hearts of oak,

Chorus of Bordenites: No doubt about it, they're the chaps who spoke!

Rt. Hon. W. C.: Then, just after that at a conference here,

That Australia and Canada the navy should aid By building fleet units—that's the pact they made.

Chorus: There's no sort of question, that's the pact they made.

Right Hon. W. C.: Forthwith these Dominions, they both got to work

To make good their pledge without quibble or quirk; Australia stood true to the grand old flag,

Chorus: Yes, Canada, ha! ha! she struck a snag!

Right Hon. W. C.: That snag was the fact—how'er brought about—

That the Tories came in and the Grits went out; A queer thing to happen in such an hour,

Chorus: Yes, it does look queer—but we've got in power!

Right Hon. W. C.: Then Borden and Foster (the chaps who stirred

The Empire's heart with their thrilling word) Turned down the agreement and broke the pledge,

Chorus: Yes, and we will help them to wriggle and hedge.

Right Hon. W. C.: "We'll build no unit, we'll train no men,

We'll settle this thing with the scratch of a pen. We'll send a cheque," said this loyal pair,

To build three dreadnoughts and call it square."

Chorus: Yes, that makes it right, if you call it square!

Right Hon. W. C.: Well, although I am rather inclined to think

'Twas a shabby, contemptible sort of slink, Yet my view "confidentially" expressed,

Chorus: Bully for Churchill; he thinks it was best!

Right Hon. W. C.: To build a navy, all manned complete,

Would simply be an impossible feat; Though Australia says that is what she'll do,

Chorus: Good! good! We're a lot of dunderheads, true!

Right Hon. W. C.: Just send the money to build the ships,

Since you don't know enough to construct the slips, Nor the docks and cranes and the general plant—

Chorus: That's right, we are chumps and of course we can't!

Right Hon. W. C.: But I want to warn you, it's only fair

I should frankly state that John Bull can't spare The men to manage your dreadnoughts three,

Chorus: Oh, never mind, Winston—neither do we!

Right Hon. W. C.: I think I will close my ditty right here,

For I've got myself in a bog, I fear; Yet it may be a bomb for Borden to throw

Chorus: No! you couldn't rate us any too low!

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