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MAKING A TRADE TREATY WITH JAPAN.

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. This treaty, the despatch points out, was entered into by Great Britain on the understanding that it should not apply to any of the British dominions except such as should within two years signify their adhesion to it. This treaty places the subjects of either power upon terms of equality with native subjects in both countries as regards rights of travel, residence, commerce, possession BUILD SHIPS? of property, immunity from extra taxation and reciprocal freedom of trade and commerce.

According to a despatch from

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. That is an unqualified compliment to the course pursued by the Laurier government in arranging with Japan for the limitation of the number of her subjects who would be admitted to this country. It will be remembered, no doubt, that when Mr. Lemieux brought about that excellent understanding with the Japanese government the Laurier administration was bitterly assailed by our provincial Conservative politicians and that Messrs. Bowser and McBride were especially severe in their condemnation of any agreement with an Oriental power whereby its subjects could gain entrance to Canada.

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. That attempt was, of course, purely a political play to the galleries, but it succeeded in its aim of persuading the public of this province that the members of the government were sincere in their hostility to Oriental immigration.

What will now be the attitude taken by our provincial ministers in regard to this measure of their political friends at Ottawa? One feature of it which will hardly appeal to the white people of British Columbia is that of guaranteeing the right to hold property. It is true the Japanese possess that right now, but the question is should it, in the interests of the province, be continued? The Japanese people are becoming large land owners in British Columbia,

and the time may come here, By as it has come in several parts of California, when they will monopolize certain classes of agricultural production and drive out the white farmer. In California the control of large districts by Japanese has become a burning question. Is Forthwith these Dominions, they it not likely to become one possibly be able to explain at one of his ward association socials that with Conservatives in power at Ottawa the Japan- But ese do not constitute such a menace to provincial progress and prosperity as they did under the Laurier regime.

WHO SAYS WE CAN'T

wrote Winston Churchill to Mr. Borden, and Mr. Borden agreed with him. Remember A queer thing to happen in such the year, put it down in your book-1913.

When Mr. Churchill declared that this country could not build ships, he did not know this country, and did not Yes, it does look queer-but know Canadians. If Englishmen at home can build ships. Englishmen here can build men at home can build them. Irishmen and Scotchmen here The Empire's heart with their can build them. If anybody the sons of these men, can do climate that reduces the enterprise of a race; there is something, rather, that increases it.

ada cannot build ships, it merely has the effect of causing nearly every Canadian to "What's that?" exclaim: Most of these people had never given the matter any thought, We'll settle this thing with the nor cared about it one way or whole world has been told that we cannot do this thing there is scarcely a man or boy in the country whose instinctive response was not: "Can't we? Show us the picture of one and we'll make it." It is the climate that does it, and the soil and the abundance of both.

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. But it was built. The Dominion is covered today with the impossibilities of yesterday. Street cars are running in cities out west where fifteen years ago not a sign of man was to be

seen from horizon to horizon. 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

First Lord of the Admiralty:

In nineteen'nine, I remember quite well Two speakers who made British Yes, that makes it right, if you

bosoms swell. . hearts of oak.

And Borden and Foster were the Well, although I am rather inchaps who spoke.

Chorus of Bordenites:

Rt. Hon. W. C.

ference here. An agreement was come to, hon-

est and clear, That Australia and Canada the navy should aid 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.:

both got to work here, too? Mr. Bowser may To make good their pledge without quibble or quirk; Australia stood true to the grand

> old flag. Canada seemed to have struck a snag.

Chorus:

Yes, Canada, ha! ha! she struck a snag! Right Hon. W. C. :

"Canada can't build ships," That snag was the fact-howe'er brought about-That the Tories came in and the Grits went out:

> an hour. When the "Party of Loyalty" was placed in power!

Chorus: we've got in power!

Right Hon. W. C. : them. If Irishmen and Scotch- Then Borden and Foster (the chaps who stirred

can do it, Canadians, who are Turned down the agreement and broke the pledge, it. There is nothing in this And began to haggle, and whiggle and hedge!

Chorus:

thrilling word)

When they tell us that Can- Yes, and we will help them wriggle and hedge.

Right Hon. W. C. : no men,

scratch of a pen. the other, but now that the We'll send a cheque," said this No! you couldn't rate us any too loyal pair,

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Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, To build three dreadnoughts and call it square."

Chorus:

call it square!

Right Hon. W. C. :

clined to think 'Twas a shabby, contemptible

sort of slink, No doubt about it, they're the Yet my view "confidentially" ex- S. R. Naden & Co., Ltd. Campbell pressed, pressed, pressed, F. H. Mobley Geo. J. Frizzell

Is that on the whole. doubt best.

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, Oh Canada, it is too much for

Chorus:

you!

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

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

Since you don't know enough to construct the slips,

Nor the docks and cranes and the general plant-You don't know how, and of course you can't.

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

should frankly state that John Bull can't spare The men to manage your dread-

So how they can aid us I scarcely see.

Chorus:

Oh, never mind, Winston-neither do we!

Right Hon. W. C. :

noughts three.

I think I will close my ditty right to For I've got myself in a bog, I fear:

Yet it may be a bomb for Borden to throw 'We'll build no unit, we'll train That I hold your brains in esteem so low!

Chorus:

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