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AT a special public meeting of the Canadian Club held in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto on the 14th of September, Mr. H. B. Ames, M.P., delivered an illustrated lecture on "The British Navy" for the benefit of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Mr. Ames' address took the form of a technical description of the different kinds of war vessels in the British Navy, tracing the evolution of the modern naval fighting machines from the old wooden vessels of the days of Drake and Nelson, to the twentieth century Super-Dreadnoughts, and sea-going Submarines. He also described minutely the armament of the British Navy, and the giant guns which have done such effective work during the past few months.

Mr. Ames' address was illustrated by over two hundred lantern slides, and as his remarks were confined to explanatory comments on each picture shown, they did not lend themselves readily to reproduction as a formal address in this volume.

A collection was taken up among the audience, and a substantial sum was raised for the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

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