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CANADA AND NAVAL DEFENCE.

Mr. Winston Churchill on the naval situation: Cool, steady, methodical preparation prolonged over a succession of years can alone raise the mar gin of naval power. . . . The strain we have to bear will be long and slow, and no relief can be obtained by impulsive or erratic action. We ought to learn from our German neighbors, whose policy marches unswervingly towards its goal across the lifetime of whole generations.

The two general principles which I deduce from

First, that we must have ample margins of strength instantly ready. Second, that there must be a steady, a systematic development of our naval untiringly pursued over a number of years.'

atements by the First Lord of the Admiralty brought ome to the Mother Country and the Overseas Dominions the reality of the German menace and the gravity of the ituation that had to be faced. There is no need to ecall the unanimity with which the press of Great Britain and the Dominion rose to the occasion and endorsed Mr. Churchill's further statement that Canada was pre-pared to bear her share of the burden of Imperial De-

sny that any special action which the immediate future may require of them will not be delayed pending the settlement of a final and permanent naval arrangement. They wish that the aid of Canada shall be an addition to the existing British proramme, and that any step which Canada may take pire, and the margin available for its security; and hey tell us that the action of the Dominion will not be unworthy of the dignity and power of Canada. More than this I do not propose and I am not entitled to say. The decision of the Canadian Government will not, of course, be announced until the Ministers now in London have returned to Canada and have had an opportunity of laying before their colleagues the result of their conferences with us. Meanwhile I will venture respectfully to suggest that the less the question is speculated on the greater the public

has given very strong and weighty reasons why should take the form of an addition to the existing Brit-ish programme—a course which, he points out, Mr. Bor-generation in England cannot, perhaps, be blamed for then and his collecture desire. Speaking in the House of the naval situation at that date, clearly defined the Ad
Mother Country. As a humble, but practical effort t

Navy of any single Power would be able to engage us at any single moment, even our least favorable

were going down to see how many ships could be turned out on a particular day sometime in the future, from 25 to 26 per cent more vessels could be produced. "That," said Mr Churchill, "is a very important fact that anyone useful work. Further, such men are ready-made citiz-

of the new German Naval Law, passed last May, which increases the number of ships in commission, ready interests the number of ships in commission, ready interests the number of prices in the consequence that number of British battlelships which in two years time must be instantly available, at the "average moment" to meet Germany's "selected moment", have to be increased in proportion. The eventual presence of twenty nine German battleships in the North Sea by 1814 entailed a frastic re-organization of the prices have a chance to make a living and bring up their childrent to be good Canadiance in eventual presence for the quality. For the reservists themselves the change should be a gain. There are doubtless many honest and capable men who have difficulty in making a living in the Old Country, and are prevented from sharing the opportunities of this country because, as special army reservemen, they had to remain at home. Here they will now have a chance to make a living and bring up their childrents. drastic re-organization of the British Navy. At this dren to be good Canadians in every sense of the word. mediate future to the existing British programme, to "directly strengthen the naval forces of the Empire and the margin available for its security." In other words Mr. Borden intimated that if special action were required the Dominion would assist without delay by increasing the battleships available at the "average moment." Is it any wonder that this proposal was welcomed in the

Speaking on the Supplementary Naval Estimate in July Mr. Churchill gave the Admiralty's revised and strengthened programme and Germany's fleet under the bew naval law as follows:

"We shall have at the end of 1914 a minimum of thirty-three and a maximum of forty-one battleships fully manned and in full commission against which the comparable German figure is twenty-nine. Thirty-three to twenty-nine does not, perhaps sound a very satisfactory proposition, and it certainly is not an excessive proposition; but it is impossible to settle this question merely on numbers."

aright, the opportunity now presents itself to strengthen the naval forces of the Empire and the margin available for its security in readiness for the situation which will develop at the "average moment" in 1914-15.

THE PROGRESS OF THE INTERCOLONIAL.

The desire of Mr. Matthew Lodge, as expressed in a recent interview in Montreal, to see the Intercolonial Railway handed over to one of the transcontinental lines will not commend itself to the people of the Maritime Provinces. The president of the Moncton Board time Provinces. The president of the Moncton Board of Trade seems to have changed his views with some suddenness now that the road is becoming a good business proposition. Years ago when the financial position of the Intercolonial was anything but good, Mr. Lodge had no such desire as he now expresses. He was not then president of the Moncton Board of Trade, but a close friend of the Minister of Railways of the day and s reported to have enjoyed the favor of Mr. Emmerson in

Mr. Lodge should know better than most people whether or not politics is the curse of the Intercolonial in so declaring he made the mistake of speaking of the present instead of the past. Politics is not a curse to the railway today. As a matter of fact there is less of political management than at any period in the road's history. Mr. Graham, when Minister of Railways, did much to eliminate political interference in regard to I R. operation, and Mr. Cochrane is continuing along

The Intercolonial is paying its way, and its surplus s being devoted towards improvements and additions to colling stock. It gives an excellent service to the peorolling stock. It gives an excellent service to the pee ple of Canada, and so long as it continues to be operated as it has been during the past year, the people will be well satisfied. The earnings of the Intercolonial during the past six months have made a record. Why dispose o t when it is doing well?

A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY.

Price, the teacher of Glory Hill school, near Stor hat the boys and girls in the Old Country had to learn about Canada and he was sure that his own scholar would be benefitted by knowing something more of Grea Britain. So he placed himself in communication with the teacher of a school at Great Yarmouth, England, and the pupil's have been interchanging letters for some time. Some of the letters that are published show how puch he information that is given was required and how in telligently it is being supplied.

It was an incident like the following that led Me.

Price to adopt his plan. A Seventh standard boy was being asked some questions at Norwich, England. Here is the way that he went through the examination:
"You have learnt a good deal of geography?"—"Yes,

"What do you know about India?"-"It's a very ho

'And the Ganges?"-"A big river, sir."

"Where is it?"-"In India, sir." "Do you know the difference between British Co-

imbia and New Brunswick?"—"Yes, sir." "What is it?"—"British Columbia is a very large place with a few houses in it, sir. 'New Brunswick is a place with a lot of houses."

"And where is New Brunswick?"—"Close to London,

not possessing an intimate knowledge of all parts of the draw closer the bonds of Empire the scheme is worthy ally followed by other teachers with little trouble.

ARMY RESERVE MEN FOR CANADA.

now emigrate from the United Kingdom to this country. n at random throughout the whole of the year, and number which could be got ready by a particular pire, that this relaxation of army regulations will be wholly for the advantage of all concerned. It will inthis point when he reminded the House that if a com-mittee were suddenly sent to Portsmouth and orders were given to mobilize all the ships in the harbor the

said Mr Churchill, "is a very important fact that anyone can appreciate," and he added that in consequence it was necessary to have "a sufficient margin to be able to meet fin our AVERAGE MOMENT the naval force of an attacking Power at its SELECTED MOMENT."

A momentous change has taken place in the naval situation since March. At the time Mr. Churchill made his statement the Admiralty were not aware of the effect of the new German Naval Law, passed last May, which thereases the number of shins in commission result in the property of the property of the property is the market of the party in the property of the property of the property is the market of the party is not a support of the property of the property is the market of the party is not property in the property of the property is the market of the party is not property in the property in the property is the property of the party is not property in the property in the property is the property of the property in the property is the property of the property in the property is the property of the property in the property of the property is the property of the property of the property is the property of the prop

Current Comment

Patriotism that Counts.
(Victoria Colonist.)
It goes without saying that if war were to break out,
Canada would defend the flag until victory was won or
defeat had to be acknowledged. That is the cheapest
and easiest of patriotism. We are all patriots "when the
band begins to play." But the patriotism that counts is
that which is ready to make sacrifices in time of peace,
in order that there shall be no abatement of the national
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Deluded, Says Radical Politicians, Unionists Uneasy-Bishop of Derry Rings the Note of Defiance.

London, Sept. 21.—They may be the lupes of clever politicians, as the Nationals and Radicals declare, but

offer yesterday's scenes in London-lerry, no one questions the desperate agreestness of the rank and file of

Armagh, Ireland, Sept. 21.—The ontinuation Committee of the Presterian Convention held in Belfast February has issued a statement it Home Rule to the Unionists and tople of that Church in Ireland, ney say that to establish a Dublia rilisment which would be controlled the church which has lately pro-

ment in which Protestants would be in a helpless minority—is a policy which threatens religious freedom, endangers the rights of conscience, and strikes a deadly blow at the Protestantism of the country.

The statement, which is signed by Thomas Sinclair, John Young, Sir William Crawford, the Rev. Dr. S. Law Wilson, the Rev. Dr. John Stewart, the Rev. Dr. Dickey, the Rev. W. McKean, and others, recommends the holding of services in all churches where prayers should be offered that the people "may act as becomes the children of an historic covenant and do nothing unworthy of its great memories."

KILT THREATENED IN AUSTRALIA

There has been one calamitous result of the new Territorial organization of the military forces in Australia—the kift is threatened. Lord Kitchener's mathematical system made small allowance for local desires and none for "national" sentiment. A network of organization designed with regard only for tactical defence and rapid mobilization was the goal for which he dispassionately steered. But, there are two kilted regiments of Scottish Rifles in New South Wales and Victoria (the former being affiliated with our own Black Watch) which are pardonably anxious to preserve their "national" distinctiveness instead of being merged and obliterated in some local spoke of the Australian defence wheel. So they are clamoring with all the enthusiasm of which Scotsmen are capable for the preservation of the kitt. But the unrelenting Minister for Defence has made it plain that either these regiments (with the kilt) must go, or else Lord Kitchener's Territorial system.

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Wild cheers greeted this reference to the treacherous governor of Londonderry, whose effigy is annua volumed by Protestants in the north of ireland.

As Sir Edward descended from the train, bugles rang out the general salute and bands played the national salute and bands played the national salute and bands played the national salute and bands produced the general salute and bands produced the matter of the salute and bands played the national salute and bands played the result of the solute of the salute and bands played the national salute and bands played the national salute and bands played the mational step collar of an ordinary civilian lounge jacket save that the opening is far less deep, and it is to be worn on bands white shirt, white linen collar and shirt, linen collar of an ordinary civilian lounge jacket save that the opening is far less deep, and it is to be worn on bands white shirt, white linen collar and black sallor knot. The khaki drill calket follows the pattern of the field service dress jacket except that rank bedges are worn on the shoulder straps as hitherto, and that the frock is always worn with death white intended to the worn on the same lines as the follows the pattern of the salute and bands played the national anthem. On this account the Na-butter of the field service dress jacket was the blue serge frock cat will be altered on the same pattern, except that the torot in the shoulder straps as hitherto, and that the frock is always worn with death white intended to the worn on the shoulder straps are to be worn on the shoulder straps and black sallor knot. The khaki drill calket follows the pattern, except the two the open for the same patter

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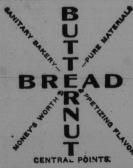
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