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From the obvious fact that a statement made from personal knowledge must tend to carry greater weight than hearsay evidence, the views expressed by Mr. Hazen in his interview in The Standard yesterday will be accepted as an accurate summary of the opinion of the people of the Mother Country on Mr. Borden's proposals for co-operation in Naval Defence. The Minister of Marine and Fisherles has had unusual opportunities during the past two months to study the problem of Imperial Naval Defence at close range. Without trenching upon the question as to what course Canada will take, which will be decided only after mature consideration, Mr.

The Paris correspondent of Trut. London sizes an armount of the period of the properties of the co-operative movement.

By all parties in Great Britain the German men-ace is regarded as a very live question. There is practically a universal opinion that Germany is in-creasing her naval armaments and building Dread-noughts for the purpose of contesting the supremacy of Great Britain, when it is thought the time is oppor-

A strong volume of public opinion is inclined to the view that if it is made apparent to the world that Great Britain's Overseas Dominions are preared to stand by the Mother Country in case of war Germany, such a course will have a most influence for peace, and in preventing a war w regarded as likely to occur in the future.

many will be ready, and war could be declared.

The many is not building up and developing her naval strength form, and did not mention the Liberal party in Canad Considering these facts and that Mr. Hazen's remarks, of the future she will make her bid against Great Britain which the Times and Toronto Globe complain, were

nought in commission nearly two years must elapse, but ence, these party organs appear to have wandered vet that is not the only consideration. The gravity of the far afield, and with poor success, in their search for at ies in the large number of armored ships which will keep constantly in commission. The numard of superiority which now prevails, Great Britain is so increasing the number of battleships in commission

emphasized comes up for consideration. A closer and more inter-dependent alliance between Great Britain and the Sister Dominions of the Empire for co-operation in Naval Defence is becoming a probability of the not distant future. This policy is advocated by the Prime Minister of Canada, "the first born of the Imperial family," at a been made. They should lead to the punishment of the

Accordance with the British Government. Mirches and many control of the control o

An instructive summary of the investigations of Prof. Graham, of the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has been in England, Ireland and Denmark studying the working of agricultural cooperative systems, is given by the Toronto Mail and Empire. Professor Graham believes that within fifteen years Ireland will surpass Denmark in the success of its co-operative farming. By the aid of the co-operative societies that sprang into existence after the forming of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society in 1894, the reconstruction of Irish agriculture has been phenomenally rapid and extensive. Practically it has been a new Jreland in the making.

The settlement of the agrarian troubles on a basis that favored the acquisition of holdings by the peasantry was the foundation for the new order of things. The poverty of the Irish farmers made it necessary to supply them with working capital, yet the flerce aminostites of the days of eviction and repression survived in sufficient

organizing the contral association and through it the many local co-operative societies supplied the key to the movement. Beginning with dairying and the marketing of butter, the co-operative principle has been extended to most other forms of farm production. The Department of Agriculture has been consistently promoting the education of the farmers, and the consequent general development has been extraordinary. From the depths of misery and wretchedness in the days when Ireland was said to need "twenty years of resolute government," the rural population has progressed so far that it is now threatening the supremacy of the famous Danish agricul-

THE INFLUENCE OF THE OVERSEAS DOMINIONS. up through factious quarrel, the dispute in that case

azen emphasizes two important facts: That the German interesting explanation which he declares is "the trutieril is no figment of the imagination, as we are expected at last," with reference to the mysterious disappearance in Naval Defence, will have a world-wide in it was not stolen, but destroyed. He understands that torities in Navai Defence, with nare a work was not scotch, but destroyed. In the index of the issues of peace and war.

It is instructive to recall Mr. Hazen's statements on at dismissal, having poured sulphuric acid over the picture. are. This outrage was committed over a year or more efore the reported theft of Gioconda. The custodians seemed, hoped that the original could be restored, and ung a copy in the galleries. But when it was certain at the acid had done its work too fatally, burning the

The police were allowed to work on that theory, a ough high officials from the first perceived its impro-ility. This was thought to be kinder to the publ gathered this information. It is only necessary same certainty" as others; but the explanation he give the speeches of Mr. Asquith and the First Lord is quite likely not to be far removed from the truth.

lowes the Liberal party in Cahada an apology for insinua challenge to the havait supremacy of the Empire, lowes the Laberal party in Canada an apology for hishma challenge appears today in the words of the Navy ing that the party is disloyal in a speech delivered at It will not be this year, nor next year that Ger-banquet given by the National Liberal Club in London will be ready, and war could be declared. Ger-Mr. Hazen made no reference to disloyalty in any shape of men, many of whom do not see eye to eye with his might be time of laying the keel to placing a Dread-either on the subject of Reciprocity or Imperial Prefe

Current Comment

the Navy—and has added four more battleships to the programme of the next five years.

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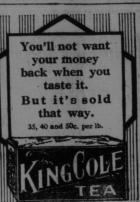
cigarettes, without including those rolled by the smoket themselves. These figures are large. Taken along But this is not the end, nor the beginning of the end. With the naval situation as it exists, history will repeat itself. Germany's struggle for supremacy will continue. Great Britain will also continue—as Sir Wilfrid Laurier remarked recently, thinking all the time of armaments and spending half her revenue upon them. If supremacy is to be maintained Great Britain has no option.

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(Pike, N. Y., Gazette.)

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