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MORE USEFUL, CHEAPER, MORE BEAUTIFUL.

The Albertan has received letters from Mr. Ald. Adshad and other residents of the North Hill protesting against the statement that they have not given sufficient thought and careful consideration to the alternative proposition to the high level bridge suggested by Mr. Mawson.

The statement so suggested, would have been a most successful one if it had been made in a more dignified manner.

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ENGLISH OPINION AND NAVY QUESTION

As a general thing, the people of England are not as anxious to centralize everything in Britain and to violate the autonomy of the colonies as some of the politicians in Canada. That is shown by the comments of some of the newspapers in England upon the naval bill.

But there is a disposition on the part of England to permit Canada to work out its own destiny without outside influence. It will be remembered that the Borden government and government supporters here misinterpreted an address by Churchill into a declaration of regret at the action of the Canadian senate.

The London Times, in discussing the subject, said: "The political controversy there should take its course free from any suggestion, however shadowy, of imperial influence or concern."

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ARMAMENTS AND PATRIOTISM

AN EXAMINATION OF FACT. (Reprinted from The London Daily News). 1.—An international industry. In this and certain following articles I propose to examine the problem of armaments as it affects the general government and the taxpayer.

It should be remembered that even in Germany the power of the armament firms has led to the dominating of the national special inquiries. The statement of certain works at Dillingen, Germany, are given by Foreign capitalists, and, according to Herr Liebig, have as yet received no adequate answer.

The French War Office has declared that the armament firms are to be taken at first instance. We propose to take all measures to have an article of the kind indicated in the following paragraphs.

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