

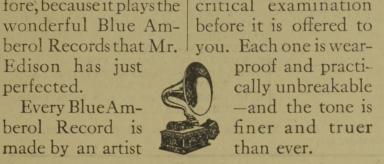
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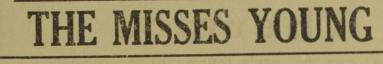
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# MR. HAZEN DISCUSSES THE NAVAL QUESTION

Ottawai Dec. 13-Hon. J. D. thing is to go through-and it should Hazen, minister of naval affairs, who not go through-I appeal to the govfollowed Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the ernment to strike out the libel on House of Commons and read most the Canadian people. Every true of his speech, declared that despite Canadian will resent the thought the lofty sentiment and language of that we are to buy three of the finthe Liberal leader, his whole speech est vessels that science has designed had been simply an appeal to party or money can purchase and leave the following and an attempt to play politics with the issue. What the people wanted was not ancient his-tory but present day facts. In Graham effectively reviewed the struggle for responsible "overnment"

Sir Wilfrid's quotations from speech- should now do the same with regard es by N. ssrs. Borden, and Foster to naval defence on the latter's subsequent speeches. He said that Mr. Borden had althe working out later of a perman- tion to do so. ent policy.

been received in May of last year. He urged that the uncertainty and must get something in return. delay had been due to a realization of the fact that by the time these made a barred door in the way of vessels could be completed they would have become obsolete.

He claimed that under the underbuilding plants would be established n Canada in the near future for the building of smaller types of vessels for the British navy and that ultimately dreadnoughts might be constructed in Canadian yards.

Sir Wilfrid's ideas were larger in by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. scope than any he had ever proposed before, but it would have been better if he had made today's proposals while he was still in power.

He repeated the old argument as to the alleged inconsistency of Sir Wilfrid's declaration that the empire might be at war without Canada being drawn into the conflict.

As to the proposal to have the dreadnoughts manned by Canadians, he pointed out that this would be Sold in Fredericton by A. J. RYAN impossible for the present, at least, since it too's five years to adequately train men.

As to the question of the representation of Canada in imperial counels, he declared, in a general way, that British statesmen were making progress in realizing the necessity for this and that the solution would be worked out in connection with the evolution of a permanent policy.

He declared, amid Liberal laugh- in Canada, not ng that the central ter, that Premier Borden's course feature of Canadian history had been throughout had been "the very epi- the successful struggle to govern tomy of sincerity and consistency." themselves as they saw fit and to Mr. Borden had promised that if he expend their own money and not to attained power he would find out the have it expended for them from Downactual facts of the situation and if ing street. That was the great unthese warranted the giving of immed-iate and effective aid, and if parlia-debate. The young son had grown ment did not undertake to give this he would appeal to the country. In the manhood, had taken charge of the defence of his own home so Ignoring the resolution of 1909 and far as the militia was concerned and

then, Mr. Haven based hos declara-tion as to the promier's consistency sponsible government and the assumption of the duties of manhood there had been also a steadily intenways distinguished between an emer- sified development! of devotion togency contribution and a permanent ward the empire. Canadians were policy and that the present proposal ready to repay the debt owed to the did not in any way interfere with Motherland and were now in a posi-

The British preference had been one He animadverted on the fact that of the first steps, although opposed the late government had taken no by the party now in power, then, as action to award contracts for the now, the Conservatives bargained for eleven vessels, for which tenders had terms and proposed that Canada The question of representation was

doing something along the line of a permanent policy. That might mean the indefinite postponement of any standing with the admiralty, ship- permanent policy. The Liberal policy, in line with the development of

the past, opened the way. The speeches of Messrs. Borden and Foster in 1909, said Mr. Graham, prior to the unholy alliance, were themselves eloquent arguments in Mr. Hazen was glad to know that support of the resolution proposed

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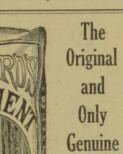
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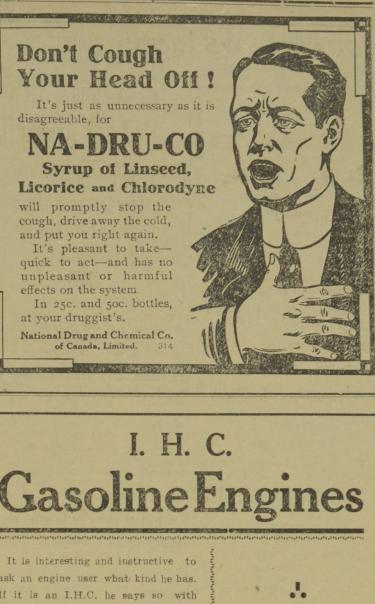
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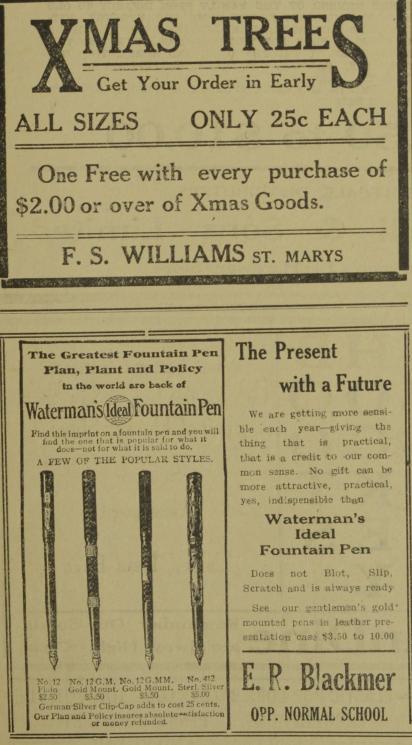
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"And when it is worked out," he added, "we will be prepared to go the constry.'

Continuing Mr. Hazen dwelt on his interpretation of the internaional naval situation, dealing !specally with what he deems to be the German menace, in relation to the extension of that country's naval operations. He stated that in 1920 the German navy would be as strong as the British navy is at present. In the case of a great aggressive war in the North Sea, he declared that a victory over Germany would still leave Germany as the greatest power in Europe but a German vicory would open the way to an invasion.

HON. MR. GRAHAM.

Hon. George P. Graham followed with a vigorous speech. The people of Canada, he said, would approach he consideration of this important subject mindful of their duty and responsibility as British subjects and of the rights and priv leges as Canadians.

Mr. Hazen had championed a policy of inactivity and inability. He had talked about being represented on the firing line of the British navy. Mr. Hazen would have Canada represented on the firing line of a resolution, not on the firing line of real defence. What did the Englishman who had come to take up his home in Canada think of the ideal of a Canadian policy? What of the British born, the English, Irish and Scotch, aye, and the French-for there were no more loyal Canadian than the descendants of Old France -think of the proposal to pay money to hire the sons of Britain to do our fighting for us?

"I tell you the proposal misrepre sents the men of Canada," declared Mr. Graham, amid cheering. "If this

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