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FINANCING EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT.

A scheme which might do much more to solidify the Empire than Mr. Borden's plan of contributing to a centralized navy is that which was recently put forward by a prominent citizen of New Zealand. The scheme is the establishment of an Empire Development Board for the furnishing works of development under- NOT YELLOW? taken by parts of the Empire which would benefit the Empire as a whole. This was suggested by Mr. Harold Beauchamp of Wellington, New Zealand, acting manager of the board of directors of the Bank of New Zealand, when speaking before a New Zealand royal commission. Mr. Beauchamp suggests that such a board might give a joint imperial guarantee in connection with loans for de-| fensive purposes and for the improvement of connections, such as shipping, cables and harbors, between the different parts of the Empire. As a result of this, he thinks, the dominions might obtain such loans at a much lower rate of interest-perhaps a full 1 per cent. less. The interest now payable on such loans is from 41/4 to 41/2 per cent. as a rule. This is indeed much lower than it could be secured from foreign money markets, but the British money market. would be likely to make another reduction if each loan were guaranteed by all parts of the Empire. The interest in that case would probably not amount to more than 314 per cent.

Such an empire development



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