

to agree to a reduction of armament and a decreased expenditure for military equipments, was received with a kind of reaction to peaceful sentiments. The document is most carefully and diplomatically worded. It was not written in a day. The thoughtful rounding of the sentences gives evidence that it was premeditated for many days, worked at and revised, and withheld for a good opportunity of publishing. There is a vast deal more of plans and hopes between the lines than is discoverable from the text. Considering Russia's own interest in the proposition, cannot forbear to think that it is not so much a desire to assist the world to greater progress and liberty—because no nation which holds despotic sway over its citizens can lay claim to much on that score—as it is a bold scheme of monarchial selfishness to keep the Czar's dominions intact, while making their maintenance less burdensome financially.

International Conference at Quebec.

A noteworthy event of last month was the opening of deliberations by the International Conference to adjust the differences between the United States and Canada. The commission representing the two countries is composed of men who can be depended upon to make every effort to get the most and give the least for their respective governments. If this policy were carried to extremes there would be great danger that the conference would result in no benefit to either party. But as present conditions are not conducive to the best interests of trade, there will likely be some agreement reached which will unite the two countries more closely together. Very little can be said at present about what the commissioners are doing. They have so far consistently kept their business to themselves, so that the press or public has been unable to learn anything which would enable them even to conjecture the outcome.

In the church of Notre Dame at Montreal on the Mgr. Bruchesi, eighth of August the pallium was conferred upon Archbishop Bruchesi. The ceremony was performed by His Lordship, Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, and was witnessed by a large number of priests and bishops from various parts