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# Panama to the North Pole

## Rouge Organ Has a Vision

### Le Combat Bellies British Prestige in Canada and Lauds the United States.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—"We can see the day when the American Republic will extend from the Panama Canal to the North Pole."  
No sooner did the Liberal organization of this district, headed by Hon. R. Lafontaine and Mr. Camille Piche, secure the control of Le Combat, which was formerly an editorial sheet, than the new management began the old rouge system of belittling British prestige in Canada and lauding the United States.

In yesterday's number of the new Liberal organ one article lauds Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the skies and another "Can a French-Canadian Legislature be a French-Canadian Legislature?"

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But this is not all. The question of the Labrador frontiers will then be raised, and God knows what limit there will be to the pretensions of the United States, whose population will be 100,000,000 at the next census. Their territory will be too small to contain their population, which will overflow into Canada. Their capitalists will get hold of our mines, our forests, our water-powers and our railways, and while the same thing takes place in Mexico and the American Republics, the Panama Canal will be the Panama Canal to the North Pole.

Of the total losses in 1903, the tonnage amounted to 31,644. In 1902 the total loss was 24,000 tons. In 1901, 23,788, and in 1900 it was 17,485. In numbers the lost boats for the season of 1903 were: 1808, 58; 1809, 42; 1900, 45; 1901, 51; 1902, 36; and in 1903, 32.

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The report shows: "The applications for membership show a considerable increase over that of any previous year; the number of new members enrolled is 737, their average age being 30 years; 507 failed to renew their subscriptions, making a net gain of 230 members, a gain of 370 over last year. Our death claims in comparison with the increase in membership are as follows: 1902, 23, as against 32 for each of the three preceding years. The total amount of the year's claims amount to \$30,900, being \$1400 less than last year.

It will be noticed by the treasurer's statement herewith that the sum of \$19,000 has been invested. This amount is secured by first mortgage on real estate in the city of Montreal, and five hundred dollars have been realized on matured loans. The net surplus for the year carried to capital account is \$19,942.77, which now reaches the handsome sum of \$222,947.30."

The annual dinner will be held at the St. Lawrence Hall, Dec. 30.

BLESSED THE NEW CHURCH.  
Monsieur Sbarretti, Papal Delegate, Pays Visit to Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Today marked an epoch in the history of the Roman Catholic Church at Berlin. The long-looked-for-to-day blessing and dedication of the magnificent church took place this morning, and was marked by pomp and splendor that exceeded anything of a similar nature ever seen here. The town and church were ever seen here. The town and church were ever seen here.

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