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Treading in Worthy Foot-steps.

Since his return from England Mr. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, has announced that the Commission appointed to arrange reciprocal trade relations with the West Indies will begin work almost immediately. He states that "starting about the end of this month, probably about the 21st, a series of meetings will be held at Ottawa, then early in the winter probably we will go to the West Indies. The arrangements of these details has been in the hands of Mr. Patterson and I understand these are the plans for work." Mr. Fielding must not for a moment imagine that this is a new idea, or that it originated with him. It is but the revivifying of a trade proposition long since originated by a Prince Edward Island Conservative. In 1888 Mr. Alexander Martin, ex-M. P. for Queen's County, then a member of our Legislative Council, introduced a resolution setting forth that "It is desirable that negotiations be opened with the Imperial Parliament to discuss and arrange terms whereby British productions should be admitted into British Colonies at a lower rate of duty than that imposed on the products of foreign countries, and that in the meantime the Dominion Government should exert themselves to extend closer commercial relations with the West Indies and other Colonial possessions." In those days there was a majority of Liberals in the Council, and Mr. Martin's resolution did not pass. Now Mr. Fielding thinks he is springing something new upon the public; but he is only taking up and continuing the question initiated by Mr. Martin.

The North Pole.

Since our last issue the controversy regarding the discovery of the North Pole has not abated; on the contrary it has become more and more accentuated. Captain Cook has been feted and dined at Copenhagen by the King of Denmark and the American minister accredited to Denmark. He has been very modest during all these festivities; but he has not given the world any information regarding his expedition beyond his first meagre announcement. He says he reserves any additional intelligence for his book, which is soon to be given to the public. In the meantime Commander Peary, in his ship "Roosevelt," has got as far as Battle Harbor on the Labrador coast, where he has been now for about a week. His stay there is accounted for on the grounds that his ship is undergoing repairs, in consequence of serious damage sustained in the arctic voyage, as well as taking a supply of coal sufficient to bring her to Sydney, C. B., a distance of nearly five hundred miles. Taking advantage of this delay, Peary has sent from this station by wireless a pretty lengthy account of his supposed achievements. While Commander Peary is waiting at Battle Harbor, Dr. Cook has started for the United States by one of Denmark's great ships, and is expected in New York in about a week's time. At Sydney, Mrs. Peary, a number of friends of the commander, and scores of newspaper men are awaiting the arrival of the Roosevelt. Peary stoutly and hotly de-

clares that Dr. Cook is a fakir; that no reliance can be placed on his declaration regarding the discovery of the North Pole; that he will demonstrate all these facts when he gets to land. Peary's friends, of course, back him up in his declarations regarding his rival. On the other hand the partisans of Cook say just as nasty things about Peary. So there the matter stands as between the rival claimants to the discovery of the North Pole. The controversy rages not only in America; but in England and all over the European continent. It does not seem from present appearances that any satisfactory conclusion can be arrived at in the matter except by placing the whole case before an unbiased scientific commission for decision. Sentiment in this country and abroad seems to be strongly in favor of such a move. What a tremendous noise about an ice field!

A Great Railroad.

The Canadian Pacific Railway report just issued is the story of an organization which grows vaster every year. Its mileage included in traffic returns is 9,878. It is working 262 miles of other railways and has 4,031 miles under construction. Two other lines practically included in the Canadian Pacific system are the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Soo, 3,425 miles, and the Duluth, 593 miles, making 14,568 miles within the C. P. R. sphere of influence. The company uses on its own lines 1,473 locomotives, 1,800 passenger cars and some 50,000 other cars. It has 16 ships on the Atlantic, 3 on the Pacific, 18 on the Pacific coast service, 5 on the Great Lakes, and 18 on the inland waters of British Columbia. It owns more hotels than any other corporation on the continent, and is one of the world's largest land owners. The lands still owned by the company aggregate over 13,000,000 acres. The average price for which land was sold by the company on the prairies last year, was \$10.96 per acre outside the irrigation belt, and \$24.71 an acre within it. Last year the Canadian Pacific carried 9,784,450 passengers which was above the number of the year before. They paid over \$20,000,000 for transportation, while freight earned \$48,000,000, and \$8,000,000 was earned by sleeping cars, express telegraphs and other ways. It is a pretty big budget; earnings of seventy three millions and expenditures of fifty three millions, leaving twenty millions for fixed charges and profits. After the six percent dividend on common stock and four per cent. on preference stock was paid, there remained \$3,847,161, which would have paid two per cent. on the common stock. This does not include the proceeds of land sales. Out of the interest on the amount which has been received from this source the company adds another one per cent. to the dividend making the common a seven per cent stock. It should be noticed that the full and detailed statement of earnings, expenses, improvements, assets, liabilities, equipment, and of all transactions, which has been sent to shareholders, and is given to the press, covers the year ending June 30, 1909. The Intercolonial is a small concern in comparison. Its fiscal year closed March 30, and no such statement has been given out to the shareholders as that of the Canadian Pacific.—St. John Standard.

The trial of the election petition against L. H. Prowse, M. P. commenced in the Supreme Court room here yesterday, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Fitzgerald presiding. Mr. Mathison K. C.

and Mr. McLean K. C. Counsel for the petitioner, and the Attorney General and Mr. Johnston, K. C. appear for the respondent. Several witnesses were examined before the court adjourned till this forenoon.

As evidences of rapid growth in urban population the St. John Standard points out that: Admiral Beresford last week found Cobalt a town of 4,000 inhabitants, where four years ago there was one log house, one log store, and everything else under canvas. Elk Lake City, 75 miles north, was a year ago a Hudson Bay post, with one store, a few huts and a group of prospectors. It is today a thriving town of 2,000 people with a mayor and corporation. Six months ago Gowganda was a prospector's camp, with no habitations but tents. It is now a town of 1,000 with two or three banks and several hotels. These facts convince the Toronto Mail that northern Ontario is growing faster than the giddy West.

Maritime Press Association

On Thursday last, the members of the Nova Scotia Press Association opened their annual meeting at Amherst N. S. On the same day the members of the New Brunswick Press Association met at Sackville, ten miles distant. After transacting their routine business, the New Brunswick press men adjourned and proceeded by train to Amherst. Meantime the regular business of the Nova Scotia Association had been concluded, and on the arrival of the New Brunswick contingent an adjournment was taken. The members of both associations were now joined by delegates from Prince Edward Island, and a meeting of the combined delegates was organized with Mr. John W. Regan retiring President of the Nova Scotia association in the chair.

During the afternoon, an excellent paper on the business side of a newspaper prepared by Mr. G. Fred Pearson of Halifax was read by Mrs. P. M. Fielding of the Windsor Tribune. A splendid and most illuminating paper on the recent Imperial Press Conference in London, was read by Mr. A. F. McDonald editor of the Halifax Chronicle, who had been one of the delegates to the Conference. Mr. McDonald's paper was admirably written and gave a most graphic and interesting account of the proceedings of the Conference. During the evening Mr. C. W. Young of the Cornwall (Ont.) Freeholder, delivered a very interesting address on the making of a weekly newspaper. A committee on organization, which had been appointed in the afternoon, made an interim report, and were continued to report on a constitution. The chairman appointed a nominating committee, and the business of the day came to a close.

On Friday forenoon, the organization and nominating committees presented their reports, which were adopted. Truro was chosen as the place of meeting for 1910. After these matters of routine, Mr. J. F. McKay, business manager of the Toronto Globe, delivered a most interesting and comprehensive address on the different business phases of a newspaper, for which he was heartily thanked by the meeting. The new President and Secretaries had meantime been installed, and after a few more items of business had been transacted the meeting adjourned.

The officers of the association for this year are: President A. R. Coffin, Truro; Vice Presidents: Nova Scotia, A. F. McDonald, Halifax; New Brunswick, J. L. Stewart, Chatham; P. E. Island, Jas. McIsaac, Charlottetown; Secretary, Treasurer, Fred E. Cox, Middleton N. S.; Corresponding Secretary, J. F. Mulaney, Woodstock N. B.; Executive Messrs. Armstrong, St. Andrews N. B.; J. T. Hawke, Moncton; Mrs. P. M. Fielding, Windsor, N. S.; D. F. McLean, Port Hood; R. L. Cotton, Charlottetown.

On Friday afternoon the visiting pressmen were treated to an automobile drive, by the Mayor and citizens of Amherst. There were eighteen autos in line and the itinerary embraced Fort Cumberland and other historic places. The outing was very much enjoyed. The citizens of Amherst were extremely kind to the press delegates; indeed they were

unremitting in their attention. On the opening day, they were welcomed by Mayor Louthier, who gave them the freedom of the town, and from that time forward the visitors felt completely at home.

The culminating act of civic kindness and courtesy came on Friday evening when the pressmen were entertained at a banquet at the Terrace Hotel, by the President and members of the Amherst Board of Trade. After the discussion of the excellent viands, there was the usual flow of post-prandial oratory. The visitors, one and all, warmly thanked their hosts for the handsome manner in which they had been entertained. Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

Amherst is a prosperous, progressive town of some eight thousand people. Just at present, perhaps, it is not quite as busy as at some seasons; but this is only temporary. Of late years its population increased very rapidly. This, as well as its general progress and prosperity is due to the several great manufacturing industries centered there. These industrial corporations include the Rhodes Curry Company, manufacturers and contractors. This company employs some fifteen hundred hands, and conducts a most comprehensive business. It builds railroad cars; has its own rolling mills and moulding shops. It manufactures its iron and wood, from their roughest and rawest states. The Amherst Boot and Shoe Company, does a large business and employs many hands. Boots and shoes of all kinds are here manufactured in the most up-to-date style, and the most modern inventions in the line of machinery are employed. The Hewson Woolen Mills do an immense business in the production of knit and woven goods. The wool goes into the basement in its raw crude state and comes out a few stories higher, in the shape of fabrics of the best and in many cases the finest quality. A large number of hands find employment in this establishment. In addition to these the Rob. Engineering Company and the Amherst Foundry Company, two extensive mechanical and iron manufacturing establishments, contribute to the wealth and activity of this progressive town.

Obsequies of Rev. Peter Curran.

As anticipated, the mortal remains of the Rev. Peter Curran, who died at Colorado Springs on August 19th, arrived at Charlottetown on Thursday evening last, accompanied by his brother, Rev. Dr. Curran. Members of the C. M. B. A. and the A. O. H., and an immense concourse of citizens assembled at the railway station, accompanied the body to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, where the office of the dead was recited by the clergy. The remains lay in the Cathedral during the night. At 7 o'clock a low Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Dr. McLellan. The remains were then borne to the railway, followed by a very large funeral procession. A special train, leaving here at 8.30, bore the remains to St. Teresa for interment. His Lordship the Bishop and a great number of clergy and citizens accompanied the remains to St. Teresa. The procession to the station was headed by the clergy, and included members of the C. M. B. A., B. I. S. and O. H. Arriving at St. Teresa, the train was met by an immense throng of sorrowing people not only members of St. Teresa's parish, but from many neighboring parishes, who had come to pay their last sad tribute of respect to the dead priest, who was so well known and so highly esteemed in King's County.

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The hearse bearing the remains from the train to the church was followed by a very large procession. In the church the office of the dead was chanted by the Bishop and clergy. Solemn Requiem Mass was then celebrated. Rev. Dr. Curran, brother of the deceased, was celebrant; Rev. Dr. Chaisson, deacon; Very Rev. Dr. Morrison, V. G., sub-deacon, and Rev. A. J. McIntyre, master of ceremonies. The other clergymen in attendance included His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Mgrs. Phelan and D. J. Gillis, and nearly all the priests of the diocese. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Mungahan, of Miscouche, who took for his text the words: "Remember man that thou art dust, and unto thou shalt return." The Rev. preacher reviewed the life, labors and cha-

acter of the deceased priest. He pointed out how he had risen step by step from humble beginnings, till he reached the goal of the priesthood. Then his long patient fight with illness; his exemplary patience and Christian resignation in the hour of trial.

After Mass the *Libera* was chanted and the absolution given by His Lordship the Bishop. The remains of the dear departed priest were then borne to the adjoining cemetery and laid to rest to await the final resurrection. "Eternal rest give unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

Next week will be Exhibition week. Please call and see us.

The branch of Provincial Bank at Yarmouche P. Q., was the scene of a robbery early Saturday morning when unknown thieves got away with \$4,800.

The deposed Shah left the Russian legation the other afternoon and started on a journey to Russia, to live in practical exile, probably at Odessa.

We are anticipating with pleasure visits from a great many of our subscribers next week, when they come in to the Exhibition.

The Province of Quebec is getting after New Brunswickers for fishing without licenses in the Metepedia and Restigouche Rivers. L. Cannon is at New Carlisle to represent the Quebec Government.

A big commercial deal involving a million and a half was put through at Montreal when the Toronto firm of Rae & Co. purchased the departmental store and business of the Carley Co., Ltd.

In order to afford every possible accommodation to friends who may desire to pay their subscriptions during Exhibition week, the Herald Office will be open for business at 8 o'clock every morning next week.

Lord Northcliffe has made a good answer to Hon. Mr. Murphy's remark that what the West needs is not more Dreadnoughts but more box cars. The Englishman left this question for the farmers to answer at their leisure. With command of the seas in possession of Germany what would be the price of No 1 hard wheat?

The census of the United States is to be taken next year, and already there are estimates as to whether the population shows will be 95,000,000 or 100,000,000. An investigation in 1908 seven of the principal cities showed an increase of over 1,000,000 persons over 1900. The indicated increase of the population of sixty of the principal cities of the United States for the same period is about three and one-half millions and the number of immigrants admitted was over seven millions. The argument is that these figures added to the census figures of 1900—75,303,824—yield a total which leaves little doubt that the census of 1910 will reach at least 95,000,000.

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Eggs, per doz.....	0.21 to 0.22
Fowls.....	1.25 to 1.50
Chickens per pair.....	0.75 to 1.00
Flour (per cwt.).....	0.00 to 0.00
Hides (per lb.).....	0.9 to 0.10
Hay, per 100 lbs.....	0.40 to 0.45
Mutton, per lb (carcase).....	0.06 to 0.08
Oatmeal (per cwt.).....	0.40 to 0.42
Potatoes.....	0.30 to 0.33
Pork.....	0.84 to 0.09
Sheep pelts.....	0.20 to 0.25
Turkeys.....	0.13 to 0.14
Turkeys (per lb.).....	0.16 to 0.18
Wool.....	1.00 to 1.50
Grass.....	0.40 to 0.43
Pruned hay.....	10.00 to 00.00
Straw.....	0.30 to 0.35

The fine residence of Mr. Robt. Aarons of North St. Eleanor's was totally destroyed by fire between five and six o'clock Monday evening. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000 with no insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated by a spark from the flue falling on the roof.

Two miners, Emery Bridge and Thomas Flanz, left Rhyolite Nevada in August last, started to walk across Death Valley, where the thermometer reaches 130 degrees in the shade. They carried two canteens of water each, but the supply was exhausted before they had gone half way. Crazed by thirst, they wandered about until overcome by the heat and lay down and died. Their bodies were found four miles west of Skidoo, California.

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