

The North Pole. The unanimity with which Commander Peary's announcement that he had discovered the North Pole, has been received, is in striking contrast to the general scepticism with which Dr. Cook's claim has been greeted. Fortunately, both men are Americans and there will be no danger of the coolness with which Dr. Cook's story was received in London, being misunderstood. There will be no lack of enthusiasm in London over Peary's splendid triumph. Perhaps the most astounding thing about Dr. Cook's yarn is that an intelligent man could go so far and see so little worth recording. The details of Peary's report, we venture to say, will be as definite and as interesting as were those of Lieutenant Shackleton's report of his attempt to reach the South Pole.

The question has been raised whether the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes at the Pole will make that region United States territory. If there is any land there we do not care what country it belong to, providing it is not Canada. If the Dominion is to live down its bad climatic reputation, it can get along better without the Pole than with it.

The Rolling Polly. The Allan SS. Laurentian was wrecked on Mistaken Point, five miles from Cape Race on Monday. The ship is a total loss, but there are two consolations in connection with the affair. There was no loss of life and the wreck cannot be debited to the St. Lawrence route because the Laurentian was on her way from Boston to Glasgow. All Canadians will regret the loss the Allans have suffered and thousands will have a sentimental regret for the old Polynesian, by which name the ship was best known to our people—also affectionately called, on account of her habits, the Rolling Polly or the Rolypoly. It was not an inglorious end for a ship that for thirty-seven years did good work for her owners and for most of the time did good service for Canada and England. That the Rolling Polly should have rolled in safety for thirty-seven years and ended her career not by turning turtle, but by breaking in two on the rocks, speaks well for a life of virtuous, but unstable equilibrium.

Quebec Bridge. The engineers forming the Quebec Bridge Board are stated now to be in practical agreement upon the details of their plans, although curiously they have not yet decided the radical question whether the new structure is to be a suspension bridge or a cantilever. This point will not be settled until the tenders have been received. The

engineers are wisely taking enough time to make their calculations. As the Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways, points out, while there is need for the completion of the structure without any waste of time, the stability of the bridge is the paramount consideration.

Harbour Revenues. The statement of revenue of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, up to August 31st, shows that while the collections from imports and exports are about the same as during the corresponding period last year, the local traffic has experienced a gratifying increase. Up to the end of August the totals received from imports were \$116,500, compared with \$119,500 up to the end of August, 1908. The receipts from exports were \$45,500, compared with \$46,500 last year. Local traffic, however, already shows an increase this season of over \$10,000. The following is the official statement:

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Imports	\$119,500.00	\$116,500.00
Exports	46,500.00	45,500.00
Local traffic	18,842.90	28,897.75
	<u>\$184,842.90</u>	<u>\$190,897.75</u>

Still They Come. Another important manufacturing concern from the United States is said to be assured for Canadian territory. The Standard Sanitary Company, of Pittsburg, have notified Mayor Oliver and Mr. Joseph Thompson, Civic Commissioner of Industries, that they have decided to locate their Canadian branch factory in Toronto.

They state that in five years' time they will have a plant there representing an investment of \$3,000,000. When they start operations they will have from 400 to 500 employees.

This company has four factories in the United States, employing some 6,000 hands. As many as 2,000 bathtubs are turned out in a day.

Montreal Industrial Exhibition. On Tuesday a deputation composed of ex-Mayor Ekers, Aldermen Lavallee and Lapointe and Mr. Henry Miles, waited upon Sir Lomer Gouin with reference to the Government's promised contribution of \$10,000. The Premier confirmed the promise of \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 subscription and stated that the \$5,000 cash would be at once placed at the disposal of the committee. With the addition of the \$10,000 subscription of the City of Montreal, the necessary subscription of \$20,000 which was to be received in accordance with the company's charter, is now obtained. The project should now go ahead rapidly.