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## IN THE DAY'S WORK

### A Big Boston Canadian

COL. ALEXANDER GRAHAM is the new president of the Canadian Club in Boston. If there is one city more than another in the United States where a Canadian Club ought to flourish it should be in Boston-for in and around that city are eighty thousand Canadians. Of these, Colonel Graham is one of the most prominent. He was born in Hamilton. In Toronto he got his early education in business; was once a member of the Royal Grenadiers and the Queen's Own Rifles; served in the Northwest Rebellion in 1885 and afterwards moved to Montreal, being transferred from the Queen's Own to the Victoria Rifles. Twenty years ago he joined the young men's exodus from Canada and went to Boston where he has been ever since—in the same business. imbued with the military spirit, he joined the Ancient and Honourable Artillery of Massachusetts, with whom he made the famous trip to London some years

ago, and on his return was elected Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding of the British Naval and Military Veterans of Massachusetts—an unusual organisation made up of British and Canadian soldiers and sailors, some of them from all parts of the earth. In 1901 Colonel Graham headed a delegation to St. John, N.B., and on behalf of his organisation presented the Duke and Duchess of York with an illuminated address. He was legachy instrumental in the formation of the nated address. He was largely instrumental in the formation of the Boston Canadian Club, of which he is now the president, having been successively third, second and first vice-president. In accepting the honour the new president gave expression to some very patriotic sentiments concerning Canada and the United States. Speaking as a business man interested directly in the cotton and woollen manu-

facturing industries of New England, he said:

"Let one of these countries have a great misfortune, and I assure you it means millions of losses to the commercial life of the other. I have always found that business suffers when our customers have misunderstandings, and our mills have to retrench. Therefore is it not wise and good judgment that this club do its utmost to cement the great commercial and social life that has been going on for the past fifteen years?"

### Young Horace Greeley

A N exceedingly wise poet once said, "The child is father of the man." That was so long ago, that it is quite certain he was not referring to the precocity of modern children. What he did mean was practically worked out some years ago by a pair of young Canadians—the Pelton Brothers, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. These two young men are the youngest newspaper proprietors in Canada—probably in the world. Guy C. is 21; Gerald V. is 20. They are the sons of Judge Pelton of the County Court of Nova Scotia, who represented in the county Court of sented the Dominion Government at South America a few years ago in behalf of the imprisoned men, sailors of Canada who were seized by the Uruguayan Government off Monte Video. Then years ago, at the

age of 11 and 10 respectively, these young men were the Publishers and proprietors of a regular monthly magazine, and and a publication which attracted the attention of the Success Magazine, which at that time contained an editorial on these young editors. The magazine established then is still prospering. Two years ago these same two established a daily newspaper, which has since grown to such an enormous extent that



Prof. Fernow.

there are now employed twenty hands, electric presses and electric motors to bring out this uncapitalised venture. At the ages of 21 and 20 these young men find themselves the proprietors of a successful daily newspaper, started by a couple of young schoolboys without one cent of capital and without financial backing of any kind and in the face of odds under which other dailies of the same town were forced to

#### The "Curios" of the Trees

TO know both books and trees intimately is not the lot of many men in Canada. Prof. B. E. Fernow, Dean of the School of Forestry in the University of Toronto, knows a good deal about both. But Canada cares vastly more for what the Dean knows about trees than for what he knows about books. Prof. Fernow is doing a great work in Canada. He has been in Toronto but a year or two at the head of the School of Forestry, but he has already said and done a great deal to rouse and convince the public on the subject of forest preservation, which lately

has become almost as important as the whole of Canadian politics. Prof. Fernow is an enthusiast. He loves trees. To him trees are very real. He is not a nature poet but a practical man of culture who has become interested in a phase of Canadian life of late sadly neglected. He is a lover of music and of art as well as of literature. But he is working on behalf of the trees of Canada. He is doing a work which long after he is dead will bear fruit in this country, so much of whose grandeur and simple beauty as well as industry and economics come from the forest.

### A Gridiron Government

THE Government headed by Premier Rutherford of Alberta has just endorsed the policy lately enunciated by the Premier-to guarantee bonds of three transcontinental railways to the extent of 1,681 miles of road, representing an aggregate cost of more than twenty-five million dollars. This is the largest bond guarantee of railways ever undertaken at a single stroke by any Canadian government; it is part of the programme of settlement and development that this Government has undertaken without reference to the Dominion Government, though with the complete sympathy of the Minister of the Interior. Eight years ago in the city where Premier Rutherford holds the seat of power guaranteeing bonds for road enough to span the entire Northwest from Winnipeg to Vancouver, there was not even a railway station. More than half of the proposed lines are to run north and south. Lines are to be extended to the Crow's Nest and to Canmore; also towards the Peace River. On this enormous mileage of gridirons the Government retains as security, first mortgage on the lines, rolling stock and equipment.

### Aeroplanes in Nova Scotia

THAT indefatigable spirit, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, President of the National Aerial Experiment Association, has notified Cortland Field Bishop, President of the Aero Club of America,

to send representa-tives of the club to Nova Scotia for the purpose of making official records of aeroplane flights that are to be made there by members of the association during the next week. March would not seem to the outsider an ideal month for aeroplane experiments but no doubt the latest aircraft must learn to stand all sorts and conditions of weath-er. The East with wireless stations and aeroplane regattas, is in the scientific van.



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