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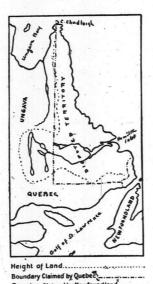
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The boundary dispute between Canada and Newfoundland is of more importance than might be The Quebec government claims that the Labrador littoral under the jurisdiction of Newfoundland is a narrow strip of coast extending about one hundred and fifty miles north from the southern end of the Strait of Belleisle. The extreme claims of the island colony are understood to be that all the country east of the Labrador watershed, or all the land drained by rivers that flow into the Atlantic, comes under its jurisdiction; or, if any definite boundary is to be recognized, the



portion of the peninsula of Labrador annexed to Newfoundland is bounded by a line running due south from Cape Chudleigh to the fifty-second degree of north latitude, thence easterly along the fifty-second parallel to the longitude of Blanc Sablon, thence southerly to the shore of the strait. The valuable timber land along the Hamilton River and its branches is the most important part of the territory in dispute; but it may be a matter of much consequence in the future whether the Ungava territory is to have Atlantic harbors, or is to be closed

in along the whole Atlantic coast of Labrador, as the Yukon is cut off from access to the Pacific by the narrow strip of Alaskan territory:

One of the largest irrigation schemes on the American continent is that of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the extensive area between the Red Deer River and the Bow River east of Calgary. Canals are already completed to furnish water for irrigating over a hundred thousand acres.

The electric smelting or iron ore having proved successful in Canada, the plan will be adopted elsewhere. Electrical smelting works are to be established in the United States and Mexico without delay.

The Colorado River was to be in part diverted from its course, a few miles north of the Mexican line, to irrigate lands lying in the bed of the old lake; but the engineers failed to take proper precautions, and the entire volume of the river is now rushing through the artificial channel. It has washed away a small Mexican town, and is endangering miles of the Southern Pacific Railway. control is regained, which seems improbable, it will ultimately fill up the depression estimated to be some two thousand square miles in area; and when that is done, perhaps thirty or forty years hence, will find a new outlet to the sea.

Gold, silver, copper, nickel and iron ores of wonderful richness have been discovered in the Lake St. John region of the Province of Quebec. A railway will be needed to make the mines easily accessible.

A small insurrection has broken out in Cuba, and a more serious one in Santo Domingo, where the United States has stationed six war ships to prevent the success of the revolutionists.

The Canadian steamer "Arctic" has sailed for the Polar regions, and is expected to return in a year and a half. Captain Bernier, who is in command, will plant the Canadian flag on all islands and mainland points which he may discover, claiming them as parts of the Dominion of Canada.

It is denied, apparently on good authority, that the ship "Birkenhead," which was built at St. Andrews, N. B., in 1841, was the troopship of that