

Where was the Canadian Flag at the Paris Exhibition.—As a compliment to every nation represented at the Paris Exhibition, allegorical statues of large dimensions, with the arms and flag of each country were conspicuously placed in front of the Main Building. The Dominion of Canada, with its large and valuable collections, as well as for its historical connections with France, once its mother country, was certainly more entitled to this honor than any other colony. But the British Commission, regardless of our rights placed Australia and India on each side of England, ignoring at the same time the titles of Canada to this proud position. The Dominion flag was nowhere as usual.

How did our West India Island Embassy succeed?—Another very practical illustration of what we can expect, from Great Britain, in commercial matters, is to be found in the result of that great mission to the West India Islands, which took place immediately after Confederation, when Sir John A. Macdonald's Government policy was to open foreign markets to the growing industries of the New Dominion. The Hon. W. Macdougall, our townsman Mr. Delisle, and some other gentlemen were appointed general Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries for the occasion. They were about to leave for the West Indies direct *via* New York, with full instructions from the Canadian Government, when they were requested to report to the Colonial Office, in London, to receive their credentials and to confer on the question.

On their arrival, they received a despatch from the Foreign Office, in which they were told that no granting of mutual advantages, between Canada and the West India Islands, would be allowed by Great Britain that did not apply equally, and at the same time, to her own English products. Our Plenipotentiaries understood at once that, under those circumstances, their mission would necessarily be a failure,