#### Newtoundland's Right to Collect Duties.

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,-Referring to the state ment in your editorial in yesterday's issue regarding the Canadian protest against the imposition and collection by Newfoundland of Customs duties on that section of the Coast of Labrador extending to the bottom of Hamilton Inlet, I think I am in a position to cite a precedent even stronger than the one to which you refer. For nine years, from 1881 to 1889 I was Collector of Customs for the whole of Labrador, north of Red Bay. During that period I collected Customs Duties not only for North West River (at the bottom of Hamilton Inlet) but also for Ungava at the bottom of Ungava Bay, which is situated on the west side of the Peninsula which terminates at Cape Chidley. While I was Collector the only protest against this collection was made to me, annually, by my old friend Mr. Fortescue, then chief Factor for the Hudson Bay Company at Rigolet, and this protest was more in the nature of a joke between friends

than a serious objection, But the precedent I seek to establish is this-and I consider it an important one: The Hudson Bay Company bought their pork, flour and tobacco in Montreal and the Nova Scotia Traders theirs in Halifax. The pork and flour were imported from the United States, the tobacco was manufactured in Canada. All of these, pork and flour, when coming into Canada, and tobacco, when manufactured, were warehoused. If required for Canadian home consumption they were taken out of warehouse and the Canadian duty paid there and then, or as the Customs term goes, they were "entered for Home Consumption. If they were required for exportation, a bond was entered into, called an export bond, in which the exporter guaranteed the delivery of these goods in some place outside of Canada. In order to ensure compliance with this agreement the Canadian Customs authorities, in the case of goods shipped to Labrador generally, North West River and Ungava, at Montreal and Halifax, issued a certificate which was addressed to the Newfoundland Customs authorities giving the quantity and value of the shipments, etc. These certificates I cancelled when I had collected our duty on the goods and returned them to the Canadian Customs authorities. This had to be done before the exporters could be relieved of their bond. You will notice that this applied to Ungava as well as North West River. At that time the former place was looked upon as a kind of no man's land. We did not collect duty on English goods or unbonded Canadian or U.S. goods going there, neither did officer there, and if she considered is as being in her territory she would most assuredly have insisted on the payment, in Montreal or Halifax, of ex-warehouse duties for home comsumption on goods sent there coming out of bond. I can conceive of no better evidence that Canadian authorities, at that time at all events, did not consider that the Dominion had any territorial rights at either North West River or Ungava, If they did they would naturally have said to the Hudson Bay Company-these goods which you are taking out of the Custom's warehouse are for consumption in Canadian territory and as there are no Canadian Customs officials at North West River and Ungava, you must pay duty on them here and now. They asked only for a guaranteed form to complete the warehouse transaction and left Newfoundland to collect her own duties on them. It is true that the duty on pork, flour and tobacco was at that time less under our Tariff than under the Canadian, and consequently an inducement was offered to the exporter to ship in bond, but this did not affect the position so far as the Canadian Customs authorities (and inferentially the Canadian Government) were concerned. If they considered Ungava and North West River as be ing Canadian territory and consequent ly under their Customs laws, they would not be altruistically influenced to the extent of foregoing their just rights to profit a trading concern, even though it were as powerful a one as the Hudson Bay Company.

Had it not been for the establishment, at the head of Hamilton Inlet, of the lumbering interests of the W.C. Edwards Company, Benjamin and others, and the furring establishments of Revillon Freres we would never have had anything from Canada in the shape of a protest against the collection of duties: not even that to which

Yours truly. F. C. BERTEAU.

#### Austrian Confusion.

One of the stories told to illustrate the confused diplomatic situation in Central Europe is attributed to Prince Furstenburg. He was appointed as a diplomatic representative of the old Austrian government to the Ukraine, which then was ruled by Hetman Skorpadsky. Describing his diplomatic status to friends in Kiev, the prince said: "I am the representative of a govt. that has ceased to exist and

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#### New Anaesthetic.

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