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CANADA AND CHINA. **M**R. Sun Yat Sen announces his intention of visiting Canada to bring the two new Chinese Consuls to Ottawa and Vancouver.

He declares also that if the new provincial law in Saskatchewan forbidding the employment of white girls in Chinese establishments goes into effect, there will be a boycott on the trade between Canada and China. We would strongly advise the doctor not to go too far in interfering with Canadian domestic legislation, especially in matters concerning the relations between white women and the Chinese residents of the Dominion. There is every disposition here to be sympathetic with the new republic and the new civilization of China, but if the oriental reformers go so far in asserting their equality with the white races as to resent our management of our own affairs, they will find there is a breaking point in the chain of international sympathy. With every disposition to respect Chinese rights, prejudices and prestige, we must insist upon retaining a few rights of our own. We question the authenticity of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's letter. He has the reputation of being a sensible man.

NEW QUEBEC. **B**Y a proclamation published in a special issue of the Official Gazette, the Act extending the boundaries of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba was put into force on Wednesday. By this extension Quebec not only obtains access to Hudson's Bay with its immense possibilities in the way of fisheries and navigation, but also secures the territory of Ungava, which is equal to all Europe in extent, and which many believe to be richer in natural wealth. The New Quebec is the last remaining part of the North American continent of any considerable area awaiting thorough exploration. Until recently, the practical worthlessness of Ungava, except as a game preserve, was generally taken for granted. True the few geologists and mineralogists who had skirted its northern shores had another story to tell; but Canadians had other fish to fry without going so far away, and Ungava remained as the north shore of Lake Superior, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, British Columbia (the "Sea of Mountains"), the Peace River country and the Yukon remained until within the memory of most of the present generation, despised as unworthy of serious consideration. The actual and potential wealth of all these districts except Ungava are admitted today, and the dullest minds are beginning to wonder whether there may not be something in Ungava

after all. To King Louis, the whole of Canada was but "a few arpents of snow." To the British Government Alaska was not worth buying for a song. It seems to be inherent in human nature to regard what we do not know as not worth knowing, and the less we know the more strongly we are beset with the idea. The man who is densely ignorant of astronomy ridicules the idea of the planets being weighed, measured, analysed or their orbits calculated. How can anybody know these things when he doesn't even know how they know? All the most marvellous inventions of the last three decades, the real wonders of the world, were laughed to scorn by people incapable of understanding them. The same people use the telephone, wireless telegraphy and electric motors to-day without knowing any more about them than they did when they ridiculed their inventors. One after another the Canadian deserts blossom as the rose and Ungava will be no exception to the rule. Much active exploration is in progress, and within about a couple of years, to use a Kiplingesque expression, the iron horses will be coming down to Hudson's Bay for a drink.

NAVAL DEFENCE. **M**R. Winston Churchill in discussing the naval question before the Shipwrights' Guild said the Government would shortly receive representatives of the new Canadian Government who were coming to discuss with the Admiralty, the colonial naval policy of the future. Without attempting to forecast or prescribe the policy of the self-governing dominions, he suggested that the true division of responsibility between them and the mother country would be for the British Government to maintain a naval supremacy against all comers at certain strategic points while the daughter states should patrol the rest of the Empire. It is an axiom of modern naval war that there is no such thing as control of the sea until the hostile battle fleets have met. Hence the general policy of concentration which has been adopted for the British Navy. Some such principle as that suggested by the First Lord of the Admiralty will probably be adopted, but the great majority of Canadians will not be satisfied unless Canada contributes something of substantial value to the defence of the Empire. The whole resources of the United Kingdom may be called upon at any moment for the defence of a distant dependency, and when this occurs in Canada or in any other part of the Empire Canadians want to do their share.