



POPE'S FOLLY, THE SMALL ISLAND ON THE RIGHT

FOR MANY YEARS THIS WAS DISPUTED TERRITORY
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

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SAM SLICK says that with the Nova Scotians of his day every sizable hill was a mountain, and Trevelyan in his life of Lord Macaulay tells how his hero when a child called a little hill where he played "the Alps" and a wee hillock "Mount Sinai." Great Britain and the United States have manifested this tendency of children, and some children of a larger growth, to exaggerate in dealing with Pope's Folly, the rock of contention in Passamaquoddy Bay, which they have dignified with the name of island.

It has taken a good deal more than a hundred years to fix completely the boundary line between the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick. Pope's Folly, the island without a country — no-man's-land — was the last territory in dispute. The Commission, consisting of Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Knox, has now decided that this island belongs to the United States.

The Commission appointed by the

terms of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814 to settle the international boundary line through Passamaquoddy Bay made the following report: "Commission appointed by virtue of the fourth article of the Treaty of Ghent have attended to the duties assigned them and have decided that Moose Island, Dudley Island, and Frederic Island, in the Bay of Passamaquoddy do each of them belong to the United States of America, and that all the other islands in the bay of Passamaquoddy do each of them belong to his Britannic Majesty, in conformity with the true intent of the second article of the Treaty of Paris of 1783."

The three islands mentioned as belonging to the United States are now called Moose, Allen, and Treat. Pope's Folly, which is not mentioned by the Commissioners in their report, probably because they thought that it was not worth mentioning, or perhaps because it had no name to mention, would according to a literal interpre-