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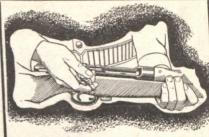


#### Editor's Talk

WE have devoted part of this number to the most modern of all travel inventions, the airship. It seems to be a conviction that as yet Great Britain is far behind in the race for the mastery of the air. Mr. H. Linton Eccles inquires into this and points the moral. The assemblage of the first Plenary Council at Quebec calls for special notice also. We have been waiting for Commander Peary to arrive at Sydney, N.S., in order to present our readers with some live photographs of the great explorer. By the time this goes to press he will probably have arrived. Next week we shall illustrate the remarkable polar activities of the past few months. Canada has a special interest in polar explorations. We should have preferred that a Canadian had discovered the Pole. But as this now seems highly improbable, we shall do credit to those who seem to have stolen the march on the rest of mankind. Our neighbours to the south have already become neighbours to the north as well. By the time this issue is off the press the two countries of North America will have cemented another bond of sympathy in the celebration of Hudson's discovery of the river bearing his name. Canada, however, has a greater interest in Henry Hudson than has the United States. It was Henry Hudson who gave his name to the great sea lying to the north of eastern and middle Canada, and to the great fur company which for centuries preempted Rupert's Land, almost one-half of what is now Canadian territory.

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