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These were the words of Dr. Frederick Cook of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was claiming priority in the discovery of the North Pole. Dr. Cook arrived in Toronto yesterday afternoon, and is staying at the Kings Edward Hotel.

When asked about the reception his claims were meeting, Dr. Cook thought that thus far on his lecture tour he had talked to seven million people.

He believed that the masses of the people in the United States had confidence in him, but the strongest opposition he had to contend with was from the National Geographic Society, which, he explained, really represented no scientific criticism. The association, he said, had 100,000 members who paid \$2 apiece to join, and his decisions regarding any scientific discoveries were controlled by Commodore Peary and his friends. It was "their clique," he said, that had jeopardized his claims regarding the North Pole, and had sought to discredit his achievement in reaching the top of Mount McKinley.

Dr. Cook believed that the tide had turned, and the public were beginning to realize that he had done what he claimed. The only opposition, he said, came from the Peary clique, and as this could only be temporary, he was convinced that posterity would give the verdict in his favor.


When asked what temperatures he encountered at 82 degrees below zero, he said, "When I was expedited, Dr. Cook said that 83 degrees below zero was the coldest. He was informed that the thermometer here on the island was 75 degrees below zero. Dr. Cook thought that owing to the humidity of the atmosphere this temperature in Toronto

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He believed that the people in the United States had no confidence in him, but in his position he had to go to the National Geographic Society, which, he explained, did not have any scientific criticism. He said, however, that he had paid \$2 apiece for decisions regarding the covers, were contrary to Peary and his "Peary clique," and that he had jeopardized his claim to the North Pole, and his credit for his achievement at the top of Mount McKinley.

Dr. Cook believed that he had turned, and the public would realize that he had not claimed. The only way to come from the Peary expedition, this could only be if he was convinced that the position was not his.

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