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Canada and Wireless Telegraphy. Canada has scored another honour. One of the steamers of a Canadian line has conducted the most successful experiment yet achieved with wireless telegraphy.

The SS. Lake Champlain, one of the Elder-Dempster vessels of the Beaver Line, so well known in this port, communicated with the shore when from 13 miles to 37 miles out at sea, off Holyhead. By the Marconi system, which is in operation on that steamer, the passengers were enabled to dispatch telegrams to their friends, which were each acknowledged by the receiving operator on shore. "The Canadian Gazette" foresees the time when, "by means of intermediate stationary ships, wireless communication will be established across the entire Atlantic." The service of the Marconi system in lessening the dangers of navigation is however, in our judgment, the chief feature of utility it can claim.

Advertising at the North Pole. Advertisers of a certain type have now a fine opening. The leader of the expedition to discover the North Pole—the location of which is known to an inch—offers to every donor of \$500 the privilege of having a flag planted on the Pole, or at the highest point reached by the explorers. Vendors of much advertised articles will have a chance of startling the polar bears with vivid pictures illustrating the charm of their teas, whiskies, soaps, patent medicines, etc. If the Pole turns out to be made of wood, as some expect, an extra charge could be made for cutting a subscriber's name on the stump, for, of course, when the Pole is found it will be brought away to be deposited in some national museum, or sold for exhibition to a circus proprietor.

New Zealand Trade and Finance. The New Zealand Trade Review of latest date gives the total imports and exports of the colony, for past four years as below:—

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Imports.....	55,950,000	45,964,000	41,243,600	40,058,200
Exports.....	62,677,500	64,653,700	51,300,900	52,288,100

The colony floated a loan in April last for \$2,500,000, which was not negotiated in London as were previous loans, but was taken up in the local market. There were 110 tenders put in for \$4,306,500, the average price of those allotted was a fraction over par. The payment of 4 per cent. on this loan was considered better than paying 3½ with the heavy discounts, charges, commissions and other costs involved in floating the loan in London.

Gagging the French Press

Statements relative to the distribution of hush-money to the pro-Boer journals of Europe by the Kruger emissaries have been treated with indignation as an unjustifiable reflection on the honor of the Press. Light has been thrown on this "honour" by the annual report of the joint stock company which operates the gambling tables at Monte Carlo. From one item in the report we learn that this notorious gambling institution paid \$150,000 last year to the newspapers in France to ensure the silence of their hostility. The brazen effrontery of a company that puts such an item in its annual report gives the measure of its "honour," as does also the announcement that the net profits from the tables last year were over 4 millions of dollars after paying the Prince of Monaco \$500,000 for the right to keep open the establishment in his domain. The European powers will some day suppress that scandal.