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OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—The parties to the figures. The Canadian attitude was that of good size for the money. dispute over the boundaries of the pen- the post-war finances of the Dominion We guarantee the quality or insula of Labrador were the Dominion did not permit of a high offer, while money back. Set in the of Canada (with which was associated Newfoundland public opinion has latest pattern setting, white the province of Quebec) and Newfound- strongly supported its government. It council was asked to answer was:

of the boundary as between Canada and sia to the United States for a sum (£1,-1 Newfoundland in the Labrador peninsu- 400,000) which seems today the merest; la under Statutes, Orders-in-Council, trifle compared with the manifold forms and Proclamations?" It took five years of wealth which Alaska has since been to agree on the exact wording of this found to yield. After the failure of these in preparation for over twenty years. and has already cost the two govern- the Privy Council with as little delay as ments about a million dollars.

HISTORY OF TROUBLE

character and history of the disputed est to the parties to prove that the erritory. The vast wilderness of Lab- hinterland was or was not a "marine rador is said to have been known to the area." The forms of life, geological for-Norsemen 900 years ago. It was part mations, the characteristics of the of John Cabot's discoveries, but it re- rivers, and every side of natural history mained a no man's country. After the were found to have a bearing on the finitely counted as a British possession, cordingly been ransacked, and expert and a southern strip was given to Que- witnesses have been summoned, not only bec in 1763. But east of the St. John from Great Britain, Canada and the River the coast was given to Newfound- United States, but also from Norway land. At that time the material point and Sweden. This testimony has been in the minds of those making these ar- collected into eight stout volumes conrangements was to secure or give fish- taining over 4,200 pages of evidence. ing rights, but the legal argument today turns largely on the meaning of the In the meantime the development of word "coast." This word was freely resources in the area has been held up. used in state documents without be- A Canadian geological survey reported ing defined. It has been used in dif- that there were vast deposits of coal ferent parts of the world to mean any- in the north, but various syndicates that thing from a beach to a whole colony, have wished to obtain powers have Whatever territory it was considered to found no authority with whom they embrace was given back to Quebec in could confidently deal.

1774 and restored again to Newfoundland 1 The actual coastline of Labrador is in 1809. The population consisted then, not in dispute. It belongs to Newfoundas it consists today, of a few hundred land. But there is an influential party Indians and trappers who, dwelling along in Canada which is anxious, whatever the coast and inlets, make expeditions the decision of the Privy Council on the inland, to trap fur-bearing animals, hinterland, to acquire some, at any Consequently, neither the Newfoundland rate, of the coastline by purchase. The government nor that of Quebec has at- United States possesses certain rights on tempted to maintain any effective ad- the coast, guaranteed by treaty in 1818. ministration, though the Newfoundland which promised that American citizens Game Laws were enforced.

GREAT RESOURCES

century. The growing world demand for paper pulp brought a new value to ARMISTICE DAY southern Labrador. Some 60,000 square ARMISTICE DAY forest growth, rich in spruce timber. The first parties to seek grants from the Newfoundland government were mainly speculators, who believed the wood would increase in value. The Newfoundand government made a number of grants to commercial companies. The Quebec government warned a party to whom a grant had been made that they and sent a government ship and seized under the auspices of the Canadian Leall the logs. The lawsuit arising out gion (formerly Great War Veterans' Asof this incident was stayed by counsul, sociation) took place last night in the and it was agreed to seek the decision Boston Hall. There were ex-service men of the Privy Council, who had been de- and friends to the number of 160 in at-

onial Boundaries Act of 1895. of evidence increased the value of the president of the Prince Rupert branch land. Not only dd the rapid exhaustion of the Canadian Legion, occupied the of the forest areas of North America chair and during the evening there were make the spruce timber an increasing as- numbers by the band under the conducset to whoever held it, but the develop- torship of Comrade Arthur Beale. ment of hydro-electric power made the The proceedings opened with the obcontrol of the Hamilton River and the serving of a one-minute silence followavailable water power n the disputed Great War, "Revielle" was also sounded area is equal to half the total water by Sergeant Rance and the loyal toast power, some 7,000,000 h.p. at the dis- to "The King" was proposed by the

posal of Quebec. additional interest in urging her claim Vaughan Davies at the piano, followed bled by Bandmaster Wright Davies: when at the end of the war, the ques- and poppies were sold netting \$42 for tion again became prominent. With ex- the relief fund. perts fixing a date some twenty years Features of the evening's program, hence as marking the exhaustion of her which was as follows, were the speeches present forest resources, with the in- of J. C. Brady, M.P., Rev. Dr. Charles J.

tance less and less important in its utilization, there was every ground for seeking to obtain a legal title. The Ottawa government stood behind Quebec, and found the money for the action. Newfoundland showed an equally keen intention of holding an increasingly valable possession, and in these circumces the attempts to settle the question by buying Newfoundland out have not come within sight of success.

ASKED HEAVY PRICE The most serious of these efforts was made two years ago by the Canadian government. Newfoundland asked £6,-000,000 for the territory and territorial waters, with a guarantee of full fishing rights. Alternatively she offered to sell the hinterland for half that sum. The offers which the Canadian government made did not approach either of these land. The question which the privy is recalled in Newfoundland that Alaska, which has so much in common with "What is the location and definition Labrador, was sold 59 years ago by Rusuestion, and the whole case has been negotiations, it was agreed in a most amicable spirit to carry the question to might be.

With so much turning on the word Its unusual difficulty arises from the | "coast," it became of the highest interinquest of Canada in 1759, it was de- case. Libraries and museums have ac-

DEVELOPMENTS HELD UP

should fish at will east and north of Mont Joli, and be entitled to land on Interest first began to be taken in sunsettled parts of the coast to dry in the nincties of the last and cure what they had caught.

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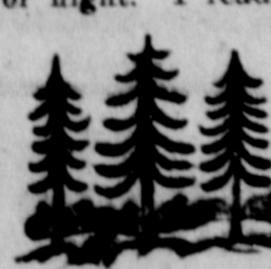
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