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OUR NORTHERN BORDER.

HENRY GANNETT, the chief geographer of the geological survey, has compiled in concise form the information bearing on the boundaries of the United States as a whole and of the several states and territories. The result is a bulletin of 130 pages vastly more interesting than the customary publications of the bureau. From the geographer's data it appears that period of only ten short years of a century was consumed in settling boundary relations with the mother country, and that, too, after the main question of independence had been decided at arms. In 1782 the line between the British possessions in America and the United States was laid down in a provisional treaty. The terms seem explicit enough, as they describe the course of the boundary from the northwest angle of Nova Scotia to the Mississippi, following lines of latitude and water bodies, but they were not found sufficient. The treaty of London, signed in 1794, raised two questions. One article declared it "uncertain whether the river Mississippi extends so far to the northward as to be intersected by a line drawn due west from the Lake of the Woods." Another declared that "grave doubts have arisen what river was truly intended under the name of the river St. Croix." So commissioners were appointed, and they succeeded in deciding "the true river St. Croix to be the river called Shoodiac and the northern branch thereof, called Cheputnaticook." Then came the war of 1812, and when the treaty of peace was concluded at Ghent there were three disputed points regarding the northern boundaries of the United States. Three boards of commissioners were appointed—one to determine the title to several islands of the northeast coast, one to settle the boundary northward from the St. Croix to the highlands, and one to define the line westward to the Lake of the Woods. The first and third boards did their work satisfactorily, and those questions were thus disposed of.

The line running northward from the source of the St. Croix continued to be a subject of much diplomatic consideration until 1829, when the king of the Netherlands undertook to arbitrate. His report in 1831 was favorable to the British government to the extent that it cut down the area claimed by Maine. That state formally protested against acceptance of the decision, and the United States senate refused to assent. Then ensued eleven years of controversy, with frequent collisions in the debatable land. In 1842 Great Britain sent over Lord Ashburton in a conciliatory spirit, and a north-eastern boundary was fixed up, to which Maine gave consent. There is encouragement to the states' rights doctrine in the wishes of Maine running through this long drawn out international parleying. Years before this northeast corner was determined the two governments were at work upon the boundary from the Mississippi westward to the "Stony" (Rocky) mountains. The second article of the convention with Great Britain in 1818 made the 49th parallel the line to the mountains, and this was accepted as final. Of all the boundary questions which have arisen between the two countries this, one of the most important, has given the least trouble. Indeed, it seems never to have been disputed. In 1824 trouble over the boundary from the mountains west to the Pacific began, the British government insisting on the forty-ninth parallel to the western branch of the Columbia river, and then down the stream to the ocean. Not until 1846 was an agreement reached, and that made the forty-ninth parallel the

line to the middle of the channel between Vancouver's island and the continent. This left some islands and straits on the Pacific coast with unsettled title. Conflicting claims were made to them, and in 1872 the emperor of Germany was called upon to arbitrate, which he did, favoring the claims of the United States. This disposed of what at the time was thought to be the last boundary dispute between the United States and Great Britain. It is worthy of note that in the final settlement of all these questions the principal concessions appear to have been made by the British government. The United States set up claims not all of which were recognized, but this government seems to have had the best of the quarrel.

The newly discovered gold mines in the vicinity of the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska and constant disputes arising regarding the question of English or American soil, render it probable that next year another joint survey and settling of boundaries will be made in that quarter.

THE public debt statement shows that the decrease of the debt during the month was \$12,757,965, and cash in the treasury available for reduction of the debt is \$240,927,074. Payments on account of interest due on bonds amounted to about \$7,500,000. This reduces the decrease of debt to about \$5,250,000.

A LONDON Times' correspondent at Constantinople says Turkey has no army ready to march, no stores, no money in the treasury, no administration, no energy. They must submit to the inevitable.

DIED. At Fort Steilacoom, Sept. 17, Mrs. Arniela Ahlberg, wife of H. P. Ahlberg, of Gray's River, aged 36 years.

NEW TO-DAY. Restaurant For Sale. APPLY AT ASTORIAN OFFICE.

Notice. IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIRM of Hin Kin & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Wong Yung having bought out Charlie Hoo and Wong Faw Tew. Wong Yung continues the business under the name of Hin Kin, and pays all bills and collects all moneys due the said firm.

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