

THE FRUITS OF THE CENTURY TREE



WHICH IS THE WISER POLICY---ARMAMENT OR DISARMAMENT?

By the Rush-Bagot Agreement of 1817 concluded between Great Britain and the United States after the war of 1812-14, the disarmament of the Canadian-American frontier and of the Great Lakes was effected by limiting the Naval force to be "maintained" by each Government to 4 vessels not exceeding 100 tons burden and armed with one 18 pound cannon each. This agreement has continued in force ever since. Today the British Empire and the United States are celebrating 100 years of Peace. In Europe, where for a century international frontiers have been subjected to the curse of competitive arming, the Nations are at war.