

What a Correspondent Told.

Boston rejoices in an organ of British trade, and the Manchester school of political economy. It is known as the *Boston Journal of Commerce*. Of course, being the organ of British trade and opinion, it not only favored the scheme of reciprocity, but its Washington correspondent seems to have been admitted pretty freely to the councils of the British plenipotentiaries, and when Mr. George Brown and Sir Edward Thornton—or, speaking more diplomatically, Sir Edward Thornton and Mr. George Brown—had sufficiently matured their plans to bring them fairly to the light of day, their friend and ally laid this communication before the readers of the *Boston Journal of Commerce* of May 30:—

“WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26, 1874.

“To New England the question of Canadian reciprocity and the freedom of the inshore fisheries of the maritime provinces of the New Dominion must be of paramount importance. There is no doubt whatever that the British government has made proposals to us looking toward the negotiation of a new reciprocity treaty.

“To some extent the matter has been kept very quiet. Early in the present session, Mr. Brown, the well-known editor of the *Toronto Globe*, appeared here in company with a Mr. A. G. Shaw, the United States consul at that place. They did not remain long, but several weeks after Mr. Brown returned alone, and after remaining at a hotel for a few days, took up his residence at Sir Edward Thornton's, the sagacious and suave diplomat who represents Great Britain at this government. Mr. Brown has remained here since, moving about quite quietly, few persons seeming to know that he was here as the confidential agent of the Dominion government in the matter of working up a reciprocity treaty. This fact I heard mentioned vaguely some time since, but it did not fasten itself on my mind until seeing articles, evidently inspired by one source, appearing in various forms in the press of different sections. I do not say the inspiration is that of Mr. Brown, but I am inclined to attribute some of them to the State Department itself. Mr. Fish is quite shrewd; he knows how to use as well as to abuse the press. A well-informed Washington journalist will, however, be sure to suppose, when he sees an elaborate Associated Press despatch relating to some question of foreign affairs, that the same has been inspired by the State Department. The gentleman who is at the head of their office would avoid one relating to diplomacy, unless it came to him by authority. As a proof of the movements in the