

United States and Canadian Coasting Laws.

private letter received from Mr. Bayard, in regard to the establishment of a reciprocal arrangement for rendering aid to vessels wrecked in the waters lying between the United States and Canada.

The minister of customs, to whom the despatch and inclosure were referred, reports that no refusal has ever been made on the part of the government of Canada to applications made by the United States vessels for permission to assist in the saving of lives of United States subjects when in danger in Canadian waters.

The minister also observes that authority has always been readily granted, on application to the minister of customs, when United States vessels and cargoes have been in imminent peril in Canadian waters, to use the services of United States tugs when no Canadian tugs were immediately available to render service.

The Dominion government is now ready, and has been at all previous times ready to enter into reciprocal arrangements with the government of the United States for the coasting trade in the respective waters of the United States and Canada which would also include the wrecking privileges and towing business of each of these countries.

The minister observes further that the recent action of the House of Commons of Canada in rejecting a bill brought before it during the present session, with a view of establishing reciprocity in wrecking and towing between Canada and the United States, supports the position hitherto maintained by the government in declining to entertain the proposition for a measure of reciprocity in coasting and wrecking but partial in its character.

The committee concurring in the above report, advise that Your Excellency be moved to forward a copy of this minute to Her Majesty's minister at Washington.

All which is respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

No. 6.

Minister at Washington to Governor General.

WASHINGTON, 8th July, 1890.

His Excellency,
Lord Stanley of Preston, G.C.B.,
etc., etc., etc.

MY LORD,—I beg to inclose herewith copy of a note in which, on receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 29 of the 20th ultimo, I communicated to Mr. Blaine the copy therein contained of a minute of the Canadian Privy Council expressing the desire of your government to enter into reciprocal arrangements with that of the United States, with regard to the coasting trade or in relation to towing and wrecking only.

I have, etc.,
JULIAN PAUNCFOTE.

Minister at Washington to Mr. Blaine.

WASHINGTON, 30th June, 1890.

The Hon. James G. Blaine.

SIR,—With reference to the recent Act of Congress approved by the President on the 24th May amending the Act of 1878, entitled "An Act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada," I have etc., to inclose copy of a minute of the Privy Council of Canada