

tries. This was to be expected, for monopolies have no defenders now-a-days, excepting individuals who happen to be personally interested in some particular one.

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The subject of doing away with the telegraph monopoly occupies a good deal of the public thought, and although recently some opinions have been published on the side of the company, it does not appear that they have effected any change in the views which have been so generally expressed as to the wisdom of the course pursued by our Government. We cannot tell what arguments Mr. Field may have in reserve. Whatever they may be, they are probably well known to the English press, and if so, seem to have had little weight with them, for we find the hostility to the Amalgamated Company continues very strong, the result of a policy upon the part of the Atlantic Company anything but liberal and business like. The course which we should like to see Mr. Field pursue is to agree to an abandonment of his monopoly, for to this we have not the smallest doubt it will come at last.

The complaints which have been made on the part of Newfoundlanders with respect to the close policy of the company throughout, have been echoed on the other side the Atlantic with proportionally greater force, as the interests involved and the inconveniences suffered were greater. The United States minister at London has now taken the subject in hand, and has addressed his own Government in very strong language respecting what he regards as "systematic imposition." The London *Daily News* of June 30, refers to this correspondence as follows :

"The American Minister in England has written a despatch to Mr. Hamilton Fish bitterly complaining of the charges which are made by the Anglo-American Telegraph Company for transatlantic telegrams to the principal cities of the United States. 'That company have,' says General Schenck, 'an arrangement with the Western Union Telegraph Company in our country, through which a systematic imposition is practised, which ought to be exposed.' The General goes on to point out what this ingenious arrangement is. The Western Union Telegraph Company owns a net-work of lines, connecting New York with the