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*To the Editor of the New York Herald:*

The action of the delegation from Boston, before the House Committee of Foreign Affairs, brings the question of a reciprocity treaty with Canada before the country with prominence. I do not see how any American, on either side of the border, can help feeling the relations of Canada and the United States to be one of the largest questions, for the consideration of each nation. Neither Canada nor the United States has any other neighbor so near or so important, and neither will permanently succeed in any arrangement to overreach the other, for both are fully awake to the substantial advantages and disadvantages of any arrangement that can be made.

That Canada is not satisfied with the present status of our relations seems sufficiently clear. There is similar dissatisfaction among those in the United States, whom either business interests or more careful reflections have excited to take an interest in Canada. We see with some concern that every point of contact between the countries is becoming a point of irritation, and that their relations, so far from improving by the closer acquaintance of this age of railways and telegraphs, are growing distinctly worse. The reciprocity treaty, the new Canadian tariff, and the fisheries settlement have all left behind them results of ill feeling.

Now the state of irritation, even apart from any worse results which might spring from it in a moment of political passion, is certainly an unfortunate condition of public sentiment, and I think all far-seeing and patriotic men on both sides of the border would be glad to have matters put upon a footing which would leave us no open questions to distract our mutual peace and confidence. Some Canadians and some Americans, I am sorry to say, look to the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty as an adequate adjustment. I regret this,