

In another place will be found a very interesting and able article sent us for publication by Mr. Thomas Hodgins, K.C., Master in Ordinary of the Supreme Court of Ontario, on the subject of the Alaska-Canada boundary question. The learned author, who must be complimented on the judicial manner in which he has treated the subject, proves the righteousness of the British Canadian claim almost entirely by American authorities, amongst whom may be named such men as ex-President Cleveland, Mr. Secretary Blaine, Mr. Secretary Fish, Chief Justice Marshall, Mr. Justice Story and others. A careful perusal of these authorities fully justifies the writer's observation, wherein he speaks of the United States proposition as "a sample of the superb daring of American diplomacy." A much stronger expression would we fancy be used against us if the position of the two nations were reversed; but as "a soft answer turneth away wrath," we shall not pursue this phase of the subject, but simply express the hope that our neighbours will soon see the propriety of leaving this burning question to a fair arbitrament, which at present they are apparently disinclined to do.

It has been said by them of old time that unpleasant consequences result from setting a certain class of persons on horseback. One is reminded of this proverb by an incident which is reported to have taken place recently at Sydney, N.S. It would appear that Mr. Justice Meagher of the Supreme Court when leaving the Court House found his exit momentarily barred by a number of delegates to the annual convention of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade, who had assembled on the steps of the Court House to have their pictures taken. The photographer had the delegates arranged nicely, and they did not care to be disturbed. After waiting a moment, the judge, as they did not get out of his way, ordered the sheriff to clear a way for him which was done, and the judge passed through the crowd. Why he could not have gone quietly through without any ceremony does not appear. Some of the delegates resented the interruption, and as the judge and sheriff started to walk away the crowd hissed. The judge immediately turned and demanded the name of the man who hissed, declaring he would hand him over to the sheriff, saying that he never saw such an exhibition of ill manners. The delegates subsequently discussed whether they should resent the