

enterprises) stand face to face, with the avowed intent that the one shall swallow up the other, and thus, telegraphically, rule the whole continent of America, under United States management. So bold a design requires some generalship, however, and hence some of the numerous bills now before Parliament, the passage of any one of which, without a saving clause in confirmation of the Act of 1875, will make a breach through which the Grand Combination will march in triumph. We shall, in another article, endeavor to analyse the various Telegraph and Telephone Bills now passing through regular stages before Parliament; but, having sounded a warning note, all we ask is that no hasty legislation may place the Dominion of Canada, and through it the commercial interests of the whole word, in a position that our children, and, perhaps, our children's children, may have just cause to reproach us for. Even the United States Government have taken the alarm, and are now legislating in accordance with the provisions of our own Act of