

Boston and Portland, nor in the cheap hauling of merchandise in the other direction; but both these sections of the United States are deeply interested in maintaining a healthy competition with the great trunk lines of their country. If this bonding privilege is withheld—if western grain cannot be carried in bond over Canadian territory to be shipped abroad through American ports—it is not in the power of the American Government to prevent its shipment abroad through Canadian ports; and Montreal, St. John and Halifax would certainly be benefitted by the event. The Constitution of the United States declares that no obstacle shall be laid in the way of the free exportation of merchandise from that country. In view of the exceedingly unfriendly attitude of the Yankee Government, the plain and palpable duty of Canada is to push the completion of the Sault Ste. Marie canal with all possible speed so that we will be entirely independent of the Yankee canal at that place, and to reconstruct the St. Lawrence canals so that any vessel passing through the Welland canal may proceed without interruption to Montreal. This being accomplished, we would be masters of the situation. With the present treaty abrogated, we would be in position to exclude American vessels from participating in a traffic which would soon surpass that which that country now possesses on the Great Lakes. We could make it to the advantage of the Western States to send their grain to Europe via the St. Lawrence route, and this without allowing American vessels to participate in it, except on such terms as we might dictate; and by the same token we could make it more profitable for the Western States to have their European merchandise brought in by the St. Lawrence route than by any other.

Mr. Harrison and the Yankee Government are fooling with the business edge of a buzz saw. With a view to coercing Canada into annexation they are dealing us as hard blows as they know how to deliver. We may be somewhat discomfited in the conflict they are forcing upon us, but we will continue in the ring to the end of the bout.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

CANADIANS for Canada.

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CANADA is neither helpless nor hopeless.

MAKE spades trumps and play them for all they are worth.

CANADA, right or wrong, first, last and all the time—Canada.

MAKE no mistake in the name of it: it is Coercion, not Retaliation.

THERE should be an export duty on saw logs. This is the proper season of the year for imposing it. Impose the duty.

MR. RYAN, the contractor, will now please proceed without delay to complete the Sault Canal. The sooner the completion the larger the reward.

THE conglomerate Anglo-Saxonism of the United States need never expect to successfully bulldoze the unadulterated Anglo-Saxon blood of Canada.

DEAR UNCLE SAM: Coercion vinegar is not a suitable bait with which to catch flies. You have tried it frequently and have never yet succeeded.

Let Independence be our boast,  
Never mindful of the cost.

P.S. The particular "Independence" here alluded to has reference to the Canadian canal at Sault Ste. Marie.

This is a most excellent season of the year for the Dominion Government to impose an export duty on nickel ore and matte. Let it be done now, and make it say \$200 per ton impose the duty.

THE exhibits of Canadian manufactures which it is said Mr. Larke is getting up for the Chicago Fair, should be shipped via the Yankee St. Mary's canal in illustration of the heartiness with which Canada, Canadian manufacturers and Canadian products will be received by the great Yankee nation.

IN referring to President Harrison's retaliation proclamation as solely due to electioneering tactics, do not our jingoes forget that it was ordered by a Democratic Congress?—*Montreal Herald*.

President Harrison's coercion proclamation was not ordered by a Democratic Congress. Try again.

Mrs. MARY BURN, wife of Mr. George Burn, and daughter of Mr. Samuel Collinson, of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company, of St. Catharines, Ont., died at her father's residence in Buffalo on August 23. This journal and its many friends who are also friends of the bereaved husband and father, extend their sympathy.

THERE is one point where Canada can "even up" a little in this coercion business. No Canadian vessel has ever been allowed to carry lumber from Ottawa, Canada, to Albany, New York, but a large number of American vessels find lucrative employment in that trade. Put an export duty on all lumber shipped from Canada by that route.

SPEAKING of the Chicago Fair, the *Empire* tells us that "It has fallen to Mr. Larke's lot to get together a good exhibit of our manufactures." Wonder where he keeps them? If Mr. Larke is really inducing any of our manufacturers to consent to make exhibits at Chicago, he should take the public into his confidence and give the names of some of these exhibitors and the nature of the exhibits they propose to make.

IN the game now being played between Canada and the United States, Canada has a full hand of spades, and can name the trump. Call it spades, then, and play them for all they are worth. Play them at Sault Ste. Marie, and finish the canal there by next summer. And play them also along the St. Lawrence river from Prescott to Montreal. Let the canals along that route be made of a depth to conform to that of the Welland canal. Spades will do it.

IT is on the bills that the Jarbeau Comedy Company will soon appear in Toronto, presenting "Starlight," a most beautiful light opera, in which Miss Lyllian Poole will be prima donna, singing the part of "Lucy." The New York newspapers have had many very pleasant things to say about this lady