

Duluth to be carried without breaking bulk alongside of freight steamers at Montreal. That is what we need, and need very badly. With our waterways thus available we would secure much of the freight traffic of the western states that is now forced towards New York via Buffalo. We cannot afford to put on the fancy frills of rapid ocean passenger traffic at the cost it would be, while grain carrying vessels are compelled to break bulk at Kingston or Ogdensburg.

MAJOR MCKINLEY, sustained by the thought that his phenomenal Tariff Bill has raised him to the eminence of a statesman, and accounts for the electoral revolution in the different states, will now sit down to amend that famous measure by putting up the duties all round, with a view to squeezing the life out of Canada and the rest of the world. But responsible government does not exist in the States, and President Cleveland will round out his term by emphasizing the live and let live policy, which American Ambassador Bayard so neatly expressed in his speech at Sheffield, Eng., a few nights ago.—The Empire.

It is somewhat difficult to tell just what this involved paragraph means. Mr. McKinley not having been elected president or even a member of Congress, but merely governor of a state, will have no occasion or opportunity to now sit down to amend the American tariff with a view to squeezing Canada or any other country. Responsible government must surely exist in the States, else Mr. McKinley would not have been elected governor of Ohio, and President Cleveland could not round out his term of office, having now more than three years of official life before him.

A COMPLAINT is made that copies of Hardware Merchant get into the hands of consumers. This is not as it should be. It is intended for the trade only, and when it is known subscriptions are not accepted from others, merchants should not allow their copies to get into the hands of consumers. They see the prices and then endeavor to get the retailer to cut, knowing what he pays for his goods. In several instances the Patrons of Industry subscribed, but as soon as it was found out the amount of their subscription was refunded.—Toronto Hardware.

There are many machine shops, boiler making and repair shops and blacksmith shops scattered throughout Canada, and sometimes stray copies of our esteemed contemporary find their way to them. It may be true that the merchants who sell iron to these consumers find it to their interest to suppress such circulation so that the consumers may not know the wholesale price of what they buy; but we do not see why there should be any secrecy in the matter unless exorbitant prices are charged. One matter, however, in which these consumers are interested is this: There is not a boiler, machine or blacksmith shop in Canada where there are not accumulations of number one wrought scrap iron; and the proprietors of them are all interested in knowing just what the market value of such stuff is. If they look in Hardware they observe it quoted at 40 to 45 cents per hundred weight, or \$8 to \$9 per long ton of 2,240 pounds. If they look a little further they will see that such iron as they buy is quoted in Hardware on a basis of 1.95 cents per hundred pounds, or \$39 per short ton of 2,000 pounds. But according to the Hamilton Spectator these figures are all wrong, and it

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