

side, for the simple reason that all engineers admit that the Canadian side of the river is best adapted for it. As a general rule harbors and canals on the north side, open sooner in spring than harbors or canals on the south side. The Welland Canal is frequently open ten or fifteen days earlier than the port of Buffalo. Such is also the fact as regards the Beauharnois Canal, on the St. Lawrence, and is supposed to result from the then prevalence of Northwest winds. In a work of such importance, involving such large interests, that place should be chosen for its location which would best promote the general welfare of the people of both the United States and Canada. Their interests are identical. Canada cannot make an improvement, the result of which is to lessen charges of transport, or of handling western produce in her harbors, that is not advantageous to the people of the West, nor can a light house be erected on the Upper Lakes, which is not a matter of advantage to the people of both countries.

It is true that most of the works herein referred to as necessary to lessen the cost of transport between the West and the East, must be constructed in Canadian territory, but the advantage of these works to the Canadian people, are as great to them as to the people of the Western and Eastern States. Nor can I doubt, that if the several Governments of these States, would bring the vast importance of this subject before the General Government at Washington, something might be done to carry it into effect. If the Government of the United States could be persuaded of its necessity, it seems to me that a Reciprocity Treaty with Canada, on a broad and enlarged basis might be made contingent upon the immediate construction of the works I have alluded to.

The best interests of both countries are involved in the prosecution of this great enterprise, and its consideration should be approached in an enlarged and liberal spirit, nor do I think that the Eastern and Western State Governments would be backward in assisting Canada, if the means necessary for its prosecution were required; but there can be no doubt that the promotion and completion of such a navigation would reflect the highest honor on the Canadian and United States Governments, and prove of vast benefit for all time to their peoples.

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