have received during the ten or eleven years' operation of the reciprocity treaty.

In what we have said we have not spoken of the existing arrangement by which the Canadian sea going trade is allowed to pass through our territory on paying a small transit duty sufficient to cover custom house expenses. Since this arrangement was entered into, the Canadian Grand trunk railway has been opened from Montreal to Portland, and has become, we understand, largely a medium for the trade in question, diverting it from those lines of communication which are owned in the States. In the formation of any new treaty this arrangement should be revised and amended and an addition made to the duty.

In what we have said also, we have not raised the question of the right of Great Britain to exclude our vessels from the waters of the St. Lawrence lying within the limits of the Canadas. That this right did not exist prior to the formation of the present treaty so far as regards the St. Lawrence proper, we have no doubt, but whether it did or not there is no useful navigation of that river without the assistance of those artificial channels which have been constructed by the British government in British territory for passing the several rapids of that river. To these we have of course no natural right. Neither have we considered the practicability of so forming a new treaty that the Provinces, as suggested by some, should bind themselves with the assent of England to remain neutral in the event of a war between that country and the United States. Such a neutrality cannot be relied upon in time of war, and if faithfully observed would prevent our doing an injury to our enemy in a most vulnerable point, so that while such a treaty would benefit the Provinces it would take from us the power most available of speedily bringing the enemy to terms. The Provinces so long as they maintain their present relation to the Mother Country are a guarantee of respectful treatment at her hands, and we need be in no haste to have that relation changed.

JUSTICE.

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