

SIR GEORGE ROSS ON PANAMA CANAL

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty is Being Violated by the United States, He Says—In Dealing With Americans, Canadians Never Seem to Get Far Ahead.

"It does seem to me that in dealing with the Americans we never get as far ahead as we think we ought to. It is strange, but in nearly every instance where Canada or Great Britain and the United States have gone to arbitration, we have got the short end.

"In the present breach of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, our action should be a united and definite one. We should place our strongest remonstrances before the colonial office, and then, failing a satisfactory settlement, we should have recourse to the Hague tribunal, where all treaty differences are taken for adjustment. Our remonstrances should be in the strongest terms that the language of diplomacy will permit."

Thus spoke Sir George Ross before a tremendous gathering at the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon.

The speaker read an article from the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which defined that the canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations. Another article of the treaty he read declared against any discrimination between ships, citizens or subjects of any nation.

"How the United States, under my understanding of the English language, can take the words 'all nations' to be exclusive of the United States, is beyond me," he said.

Coast Trading Vessels. "They claim that coast-trading American vessels carry on a purely domestic trade, and therefore are not liable to tolls in passing thru the canal. A Canadian vessel carrying a cargo of steel rails from Halifax to Vancouver is to be liable to tolls, while an American vessel with the same cargo, flying between New York and San Francisco, they hold not to be liable. Well, if that isn't discrimination, what is it?"

"Every manufacturer in Canada stands to suffer by any such discrimination. Are we to suppose that the secretary of state for foreign affairs ever intended to place us at such a disadvantage?"

"It is expressly stated that the United States have no treaty rights of the canal, subject to treaty rights at other nations," declared the speaker.

In Canadian Canals. Sir George related how Canada had given way to the States in regard to tolls on American vessels passing thru Canadian canals, twenty-five cents per ton was imposed on all vessels, with a refund of 15 cents per ton to Canadian vessels who discharged at Canadian ports.

The Americans, he stated, retaliated by placing a heavy tax on Canadian ships passing thru the Sault canal, and Canadians gave up, leaving Canadian canals free to American and Canadian vessels alike.

"We might, however, have retaliated in kind, but we did not do so," declared Sir George.

Unfaithful Trustee. The speaker, in conclusion, laid stress upon the seriousness of a trustee proving unfaithful in the administration of an estate, which he declared was exactly the position in which the United States stood.

"This trustee," declared he, "under the high-handed self-assumed prerogative of sovereignty, uses its trusteeship to its own advantage."

He laid considerable stress upon the immense advantage which would accrue to Canadian trade by the use of the Panama Canal, by which many thousands of miles would be saved in the route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and to English ports.

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