

American friends who find our country an ideal place to spend the summer holidays. As a result thousands of Americans have come to know and admire Canada as they otherwise might never have done. A return visit by Canadians during the winter months acts in a reciprocal manner. One of the greatest elements in bringing about the present friendly relations between the two countries has been the acquirement of a better knowledge of each other, attained by continuous over-the-border visiting.

Another reason for the present happy relations is the development of enormous trade between the two countries. Despite the high tariffs on both sides of the line the amount of that trade for the last fiscal year was reported to be in excess of six hundred and twenty-six millions of dollars. This means merchandise to the amount of two million dollars crossing the border every business day in the year. To carry on that trade thousands of American business men must visit Canada yearly and thousands of Canadian business men must visit the United States. This exchange has had a wonderful effect, and appreciation of the honorable business methods in vogue in each country has been the cause of establishing business friendships that will last for years to come.

Finally the mutual increase in respect resulting from social and economic causes has had its effect on the press of the two countries. Anglophobia has almost entirely disappeared in the United States, and flaunting the eagle, except in rare cases where the editor has some petty personal grudge, has also ceased.

Examples of the cordial feeling as reflected in the press could be given by the thousands. I will quote but four short extracts. A prominent Montreal daily¹⁸ has this to say in an editorial published early in 1914:—"The Canadian people are big enough, and the people of the United States are big enough, judging by recent experiences, to forget past differences and to go forward in the enjoyment of a mutual exchange of beneficent reform. Just as long as Canadians choose wisely the kind of American experience they wish to enjoy, there will be reason only for satisfaction that Canada's nearest neighbor is such a country as the United States." In May, 1914, the same paper¹⁹ said:—"Canada would be making a grievous and expensive mistake, at this time, not to pay attention to the United States, not to learn from the greater experience of a larger country how to avoid certain mistakes." An American editor²⁰ speaking of

¹⁸The Montreal Daily Mail, March 16, 1914.

¹⁹The Montreal Daily Mail, May 14, 1914.

²⁰Editor of Collier's Weekly, October, 1914.