

MR. IRVING BROWNE, of the *Albany Law Journal*, in referring to the counsel for the American Government in the Behring Sea arbitration, writes: "The lawyers of this country are watching with a good deal of interest the proceedings of the Seals Commission, and especially are curious to learn what the English Bar thinks of our lawyers who have been sent over the ocean to advocate the interests of this Government. Whatever you may think of them, we have sent you as good as we have. Messrs. Carter, Phelps, and Condert are not accomplished lawyers, but men of affairs and of varied experience. They are also excellent speakers, after the American order, to which Mr. Condert adds a trace of his native French vivacity and wit. Mr. Carter is by many deemed the leader of the New York City Bar since Mr. O'Connor's death and Mr. Evart's engagement in politics."

These gentlemen are doubtless doing the best they can with a very bad case. We note in this connection what the writer says about their not being "accomplished lawyers," but rather "men of affairs," as well as "excellent speakers." Uncle Sam probably showed his wisdom in his selection under the circumstances. When a client has a bad case, the more the law and logic of the matter are hidden behind a cloud of side issues, witty nothings, and wide statements, overlapping the facts in evidence, the better. Canada, on the contrary, sends one who is perhaps her most exact lawyer; as well known for his deep and wide knowledge of law as for his strict, crushing logic, and, above all, one who was never known to overstate his case, misstate facts, or mislead the court by a hair's breadth. What all the Canadian profession know of Mr. Christopher Robinson is, we believe, more or less true of Sir Charles Russell and Sir Richard Webster, the counsel for England. We remark *en passant* that the special correspondent of *The Times* thus speaks of Mr. Robinson's address: "Mr. Christopher Robinson, the Canadian counsel, in a brilliant speech summarized the whole case, reducing it to a series of concise propositions, which, from the British point of view at least, demonstrated the absurdity of the American claims" This is much greater commendation, by the way, than what appears to be the regulation compliment of the polite Frenchman who presides over the commission.

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