

REVIEW
OF
PRESIDENT GRANT'S RECENT MESSAGE
TO THE
UNITED STATES' CONGRESS,
RELATIVE TO THE
CANADIAN FISHERIES AND THE NAVIGATION OF THE
ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.

That portion of the last Message of the President of the United States, to the Senate and House of Representatives, which animadverts on the conduct of the Canadian Government, with regard to the protection of the British Fisheries and the navigation of River St. Lawrence, has been severely criticised by all the leading organs of public opinion in Canada. That fact alone ought to convince the citizens of the United States that the action of Canada cannot have been so indefensible as the President has represented it to be. While perfect unanimity prevails in Canada regarding the question in controversy with the United States, it is gratifying to find that many influential American journals are indisposed to concur either in the policy of non-intercourse which has been threatened by the President, or admit the existence of the wrong to which he refers.

It may be hoped that a dispassionate review of the points in dispute between Great Britain and the United States, with regard to the interpretation of the Treaty of 1818, will strengthen the hands of those who desire their amicable solution, and the continuance and extension of these friendly relations which have hitherto existed between the people of the United States and Canada.