

THE NORTH AMERICAN CANAL.

AN ADEQUATE OUTLET FOR A CONTINENTAL COMMERCE.

The object of the North American Canal Co. is to make the best, cheapest and quickest possible transportation between the widely separated masses of producers and consumers ; to make a wide, deep channel, with the fewest possible locks, between Lake Erie and the seaboard ; and thus to make one mingled current of the shipping of the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence, the Hudson, and the Coast.

We propose to enable the Western farmer to load his products on a deep draft steamer at the head of the great lakes and deliver it direct, without rehandling, to the ocean steamer for export ; and similarly to directly supply by steamer the great centres of distribution for the vastly larger domestic trade of the eastern part of the continent.

Neither tariffs nor taxes nor reciprocal treaties can help the producer without the means to take advantage of them. Cheap transportation is his only boon.

An adequate water route between the great lakes and the seaboard, giving the cheapest possible freights, is an imperative necessity.