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The St. Lawrence Route. Whatever may be thought of the suggested formation of a new marine company for the purpose of insuring ships bound to or from this port, there can be no question as to the necessity for what Mr. D. W. Campbell so strongly advocates in the way of surveys and additional lights along the Gulf coast. It is when making land where

"No flaming beacons cast their blaze afar"

that many a noble ship and gallant crew is lost, and the lighting of the streets of the metropolis is not more important and necessary than the buoys marking channel and shoal, and the lights that serve as guides to mariners at night.

If new surveys of the Gulf, and more powerful lights along its shores are considered necessary to ensure the safety of ships and passengers, it is the duty of the government to attend to a matter of such vital importance to the Canadian shipping trade, without any delay. Mr. Campbell deserves the thanks of the community for his untiring efforts to remove undeserved reproach from the St. Lawrence route.

A Shattered Belief. It must be somewhat perplexing to our brethren in the British Isles to note the extraordinary reception extended by the Mayor of New York to the Boer delegates. English men, in their frank simplicity, have been nursing the belief that the polyglottous people of America were full of sympathy and friendship for Great Britain, and ardently desirous of an opportunity to show gratitude for services rendered. However, Mayor Van Wyck, and the semi-alien population of the American metropolis, cannot claim to represent the true spirit of the nation. It seems a pity that Englishmen cannot see our neighbours through Canadian spectacles. They would then understand that Bryan, Davis, Cochran, Van Wyck, and the tribe of talkers now vilifying the Empire to which we belong, do not represent the best public opinion of a great and growing country.

Unfortunately, there is a very tiresome facility in the American stump orator when airing his opinions on matters which concern him not. Yet, we must keep cool, and remember that his vapouring and ranting will do no harm to us, and no good to the poor, misguided Boers.

Rich and Refreshing. If any one of our readers has an evanescent feeling of irritation at the strong expressions used by these tail-twisting talkers, let him find relief in reading the following rich and refreshing remarks of the New York "Evening Post," a capital exponent of educated public opinion in the United States:—

"As far as the Boer reception committee is concerned, it is evident from its proceedings yesterday that the coming of the Boer delegates has brought, not peace, but a sword. It is a little too bad of the embattled Patricks of the committee, to make it so evident at the very beginning that they care not a brass farthing for the oppressed Boers, except as they themselves can win a passing importance, personal and political, out of the affair, and improve the occasion to swear eternal enmity once more to the Saxon trampler. On the eve of the departure of the Boer delegates from The Hague, they put out an official statement explaining that their mission in this country was to be one of instructing the American people. Well, we think the instructors are in a fair way to be taught something themselves. They will learn that there exists in the United States a vast sentiment more or less intelligently cherished, in favor of the Boers; but that our rival politicians are competing with each other, not to see how much they can do for the Boer cause, but how much the Boer cause can be made to help them. The delegates will find much real sympathy, but far more loud claptrap, and vehement assertions that Codlin is their friend, not Short. If they feel disgusted at the discovery, they will feel just as self-respecting Americans do about it."