

case of war, however, it is quite likely that this policy and the Monroe doctrine, and the necessities of self-protection, might come into conflict. But the completion of the canal is a work in which all the world is interested, and the United States has everybody's good wishes for success in its immense undertaking.

Tariff Changes

AS foreshadowed there have been a few alterations in the tariff schedule that may operate favorably to Canadian industries. These portions of the British preference that have operated unfavorably against local manufacturers have been curtailed by a reduction of the preferential rate of 6 per cent. A remedy has also been devised against dumping, whereby an unfair market price will receive no recognition from the Customs officer. Additional articles are placed upon the free list, where Canadian industries are not interfered with. The great bulk of the old tariff remains unchanged, but nevertheless the changes are opportune and much more satisfactory than none at all.

Morine on Confederation

AT a recent luncheon of the Canadian Club at Toronto, the Hon. Mr. Morine, leader of the Opposition in Newfoundland, expressed himself as politically

favorable to complete federation, and that he would make this the chief issue of the ensuing election. He advises the Dominion to be cautious and tactful, and believes that the disposition of Newfoundlanders is not so hostile as generally supposed. Greater generosity on the part of the Dominion, and a trifle more agitation on the part of the local statesmen would bring about the desired result harmoniously and finally.

Steerage Rates and Immigration

THE recent lowering of steerage rates on competing steamship lines has greatly enlarged the flow of American and Canadian immigration. There has been a great increase of the undesirable class—paupers and illiterates, and many afflicted with diseases of various kinds. Shipments from Havre to Canada prove of this latter class, and only the strictest quarantine examination at Quebec could protect us from undesirable citizens. Despite even the careful examination of the Hamburg Medical Board before sailing, malignant disease was found among sixty passengers upon arrival in Quebec. Moreover, there is already a congestion of pauper immigrants in the neighborhood of Canadian sea-ports, for whom no employment is yet available. The immigration offices need careful government supervision. Colonization by these classes is overdone already.

