

to any except the railway interest, that Congress has sought to break any kind of understanding, implied or expressed, in the case, though it may yet be adjudged that Congress does so. If not, Congress may have served the interest of Canadian forwarders, though not that of some of our railways. Remission of tolls on United States coastal craft should tend, a little, to force down certain transcontinental railway charges.

The point here contended for is not that Washington is right in the matter, but that Washington meant no wrong, no dishonesty, no breach of understanding or treaty. If so, why hasten to condemn and revile our neighbours on the matter? Why not fairly present their view here, even while arguing against it. Why not in this, and in all cases, be "to their virtues ever kind, and to their faults a little blind." Why not? Is it because a synod of protected manufacturers in Canada wishes Yankees to be execrated daily, in the hope that stimulated hatred may once again redound to the benefit of tariff-beneficiaries? But is it wise, is it prudent, is it good Britishism, good Imperialism, good Canadianism, for editors in this country, more particularly for those who most tell us that a tremendous anti-British war impends—is it sane, in these conditions, to exhibit to powerful neighbours, of whose good-will we may soon have to avail ourselves by reason of our own crass neglect of coast defence, the spectacle of a Canada seemingly largely composed of people pleased by the vituperative hatred daily printed against Americans by a main portion of our press?

As if worrying our French brethren and insulting our neighbours were insufficient to the temper of our truculents, they roundly harangue the West, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, on their insolence. It consists in those prairie-dwellers having twice voted their conviction that a disposition to intolerable tyranny kept them out of their hearts' desire, the great, long-coveted boon of liberty to sell their grain freely in the neighbouring United States market. Is it supposed that the West may become fonder of taxation, and of