

successors, throughout a whole generation, of all power for correction!

The Japanese nation bound itself for ten years, but now finds itself to have lost all control over its own actions, having, in effect, bound itself forever. Let this treaty be ratified and *it will be found that we, in like manner, shall have bound ourselves forever.*

Pausing now for a moment in the history of this extraordinary transaction, allow me, Mr. President, to call your attention to the fraud involved in furnishing, for senatorial use, a document to be accepted as giving, in their full extent, the demands made upon us with a view to prevent that "feeling of dissatisfaction" which might arise "if the large value placed by the Canadian people on their fisheries were not reasonably compensated;" and then, with the session so near its close that but five working days yet remained, furnishing to our Secretary a document containing further demands of great importance, without, so far as can be now discovered, even a word as to the additions which had thus been made.

On or before the 16th of June, within ten days of the publication by the *Tribune* of the contents of a *confidential memorandum* prepared for the mystification of Senators, and from which had been excluded very much that seems subsequently to have been surreptitiously introduced, the treaty, "armed all in proof," must have been placed, Mr. President, in the hands of your Secretary of State. On the 17th, as has been shown, it was forwarded by him to you without a suggestion to the effect that he had even sought to master its contents. On the 18th, relying upon him as your constitutional adviser in all such matters, it was forwarded by you to the Senate, accompanied by a message in which you in like manner disclaimed responsibility for it. On the 19th it was read by its title, and referred. On the 20th, without the slightest knowledge of its contents on the part of the farmers, miners, mechanics, manufacturers, ship-builders, and ship owners of the Union, it was meant by the conspirators that it should be enacted into law, Senators having been publicly notified that, in the event of their failing to perform that important duty, you, Mr. President, would compel their presence in extra session, to their great annoyance and their heavy cost. Happily, the scheme failed in all its parts, the aspect of the Senate on that day having alarmed the conspirators; and you, Mr. President, having refused to become party to any such attempt to force upon the country a treaty so important and so entirely unconsidered. With Monday, the day assigned for adjournment, came the lifting of the veil, the *Tribune* having made public the whole text of a treaty whose real character had been meant to be concealed until ratification had been accomplished; and until we should thus have bound ourselves for five and twenty years to the wheels of the British chariot, to be ridden over at the pleasure of those who are now, in Japan, engaged in adding a new and important chapter to the already most discreditable history of treaty-making by the British people and their government.