

The New Railway Building for the Toronto Exhibition.

The C.P.R., G.T.R. and Intercolonial have united to erect in Toronto a permanent building for their yearly exhibits at the Industrial Exhibition. The Architect is Mr. George W. Gouinlock. The building will be completed for this year's show.

Disesteemed Contemporaries

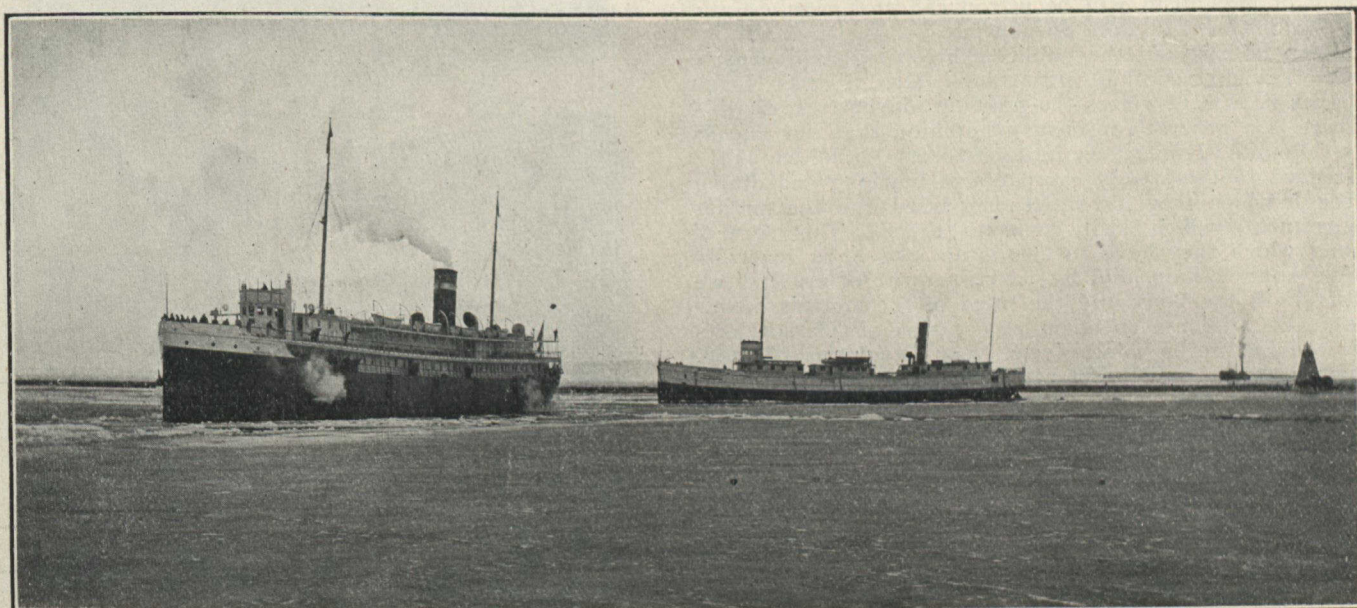
We tolerate Canada as a British colony, and English ownership of islands in our waters, for the double reason that custom insures us the anachronism, and that we suffer no present danger from it. But we learned while the civil war was being fought how perilous a matter it is, this British propinquity. The neutrality of England made the Bahama islands in reality hostile territory—a base of supplies for the Confederacy. Had we not been very tired of fighting after Lee surrendered, the United States would surely have taken the Bahamas. And it may become expedient to annex Canada also.

THUS does the able editor of the New York "American" contribute his share towards the cause of Canadian-American comity. The revised version of the events of the middle sixties which the New York gentleman gives his readers will doubtless suit them. For it agrees with the data given in the average United States school history. It matters not that the Washington Government had ignominiously to revoke their declaration that they would not give up Mason and Sliddell after a Northern naval captain had violated all

international laws. The United States, despite the revised history of the New York American, feared to back up their captain's indiscretion by declaring war upon Great Britain. Had they done so, the United States navy would have been wiped off the face of the waters. Every naval officer at Washington knew it then: every naval officer at Washington knows it to-day.

The reconderance of the Jefferson-Brick style of editor brings no terror to Canadians, but it brings a menace to the body of Americans, who read nothing but newspapers of the saffron tinge. The history of journalism across the line is long and dishonourable. It was the tool of Madison at the time of the war of 1812. It was the instrument of Clay and the Warhawks. It did much to back up Grover Cleveland in his infamous Venezuela message. It lied considerably and thoroughly about the Maine incident. It has cost the United States millions in blood and treasure, and, in so far as international affairs are concerned, it has never done any public good. It is a menace to peace and it is the agent of political thugs. It has no compeers north of the boundary and if they ever do arise it will be the duty and pleasure and choice of the Canadian people to starve them to death.

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Opening of Navigation—Lake Boats entering Harbour at Port Arthur, May 2nd, 1907.

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