

No. 4.

*Mr. Bayard to Sir L. West.*DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, July 21, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Treasury Department of the 10th instant, in relation to an alleged discrimination against American vessels passing through the Welland Canal.

By the 27th article of the treaty of Washington, Her Majesty's Government undertook to urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada to grant citizens of the United States the use of Welland and other canals on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the Dominion. On the other hand, the Government of the United States promised to secure as far as possible reciprocally equal treatment of inhabitants of the Dominion using canals in the United States connected with the lake system of transportation. The Department is informed that such equality of treatment now exists in the United States.

I will thank you to bring this matter to the attention of the Canadian Government.

I have, etc.,

T. F. BAYARD.

(Inclosure: Mr. Fairchild to Mr. Bayard, July 10, 1888.)

No. 5.

Sir L. West to Mr. Bayard.

BEVERLY, MASS., August 13, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to communicate to you herewith copy of an approved minute of the privy council of Canada, relative to the tolls levied by the Dominion authorities on vessels passing through the Welland Canal.

I have, etc.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

Certified copy of a report of a committee of the honorable the privy council for Canada.

At the present time the tolls chargeable on all goods and merchandise passing through the Welland Canal bound for any Lake Ontario port are the same, whether, for example, the destination of such merchandise be Toronto or Prescott on the north or Oswego or Ogdensburg on the south.

Wheat and certain other cereals pay 2 cents per ton for passage through both the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals system to Montreal, or to any point on the St. Lawrence Canal system short of Montreal, without discrimination, whether to ports on north or south shore, and that the same cereals shipped from any port on Lake Ontario, whether American or Canadian, to Montreal, pay 2 cents per ton for passage through the whole of the St. Lawrence Canals.

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