



### Cause

1. American Civil War, 1861-1865



### Effects

1. Britain appears to support the South and this causes resentment among the Northern states.
2. Northerners stop a British vessel and take two Southerners prisoners. Britain is outraged.
3. Britain sells armed cruisers to the South and the North demands payment for damages.
4. Southern soldiers stage raids on Northern states and escape to Canada. The North believes Canada is hostile to its cause.



### DECISION

The British North American colonies fear the North may try to get back at Britain by attacking them. They begin to think about uniting to put up a strong defence.

### Other Causes



2. American expansionism



3. Fenian raids



4. Britain's free trade policy



5. End of Reciprocity with the US



6. Railway building



7. Changing British attitude to colonies