

of the cessation of war, we need to guard against being unduly fascinated by the allurements of peace. For a nation to resign itself to an indolent security would be to make of peace the foe to progress.

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which was at first so frequently sounded by the more extreme of the Canadian opponents of Reciprocity, has been but seldom heard of late. President Taft's frank denial of any such intentions on the part of the United States and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declarations of Canadian loyalty to England, which have been so prominent in his speeches during the Coronation visit, have left it no place in common sense public opinion.

And is it not a significant fact that the two foremost citizens of the countries concerned in the agreement "stand pat" for Reciprocity? Indeed, President Taft has been more than passively in favor. He has fought strenuously for the measure against Senate opposition and the most determined lobbying. Tons of anti-Reciprocity literature have been circulated in Canada and the United States, and yet these two leaders feel that they can depend on intelligent public opinion to force the measure through.

In spite of the efforts of interested parties to prove the contrary, unbiased Canadians are adherents of the proposed scheme. Some of the Eastern anti-Reciprocity journals would persuade themselves that the farmers of the West are drifting from their first frank loyalty to the proposal, but investigation does not warrant such a belief. The time has come when the farmers of Canada will no longer blindly support the political party of their fathers, and naturally this has first become evident in the West, where there are so many young representatives of the best agricultural classes of the Motherland and of the East. They see that the manufacturers are well organized and combined on a definite policy which they promote by keeping their demands constantly before the Government and by the distribution of literature. They are keenly alive to their own interests and our farmers have decided to pursue similar tactics and to support that government which gives them due consideration.