

the transferring of them to the United States, appears to me to be a step in the wrong direction from the national standpoint.

I am strengthened in this opinion by the stand taken regarding reciprocity by many prominent Liberals, who put country before party.

Some may read the patriotic appeals made by Messrs. Borden and Foster and say that they are prompted by political considerations.

But not so with the statements of Sir George Ross, Sir Edmund Walker and the Liberal bankers, shippers, importers and manufacturers who have such large stakes in this country, and who have publicly opposed the agreement, giving as one of their reasons the following:—

"Believing as we do that Canadian nationality is now threatened with a more serious blow than any it has heretofore met with, and that all Canadians who place the interests of Canada before those of any party or section or individuals therein, should at this crisis state their views openly and fearlessly, we, who have hitherto supported the Liberal party in Canada, subscribe to this statement."

No Reason for Abandoning our present Course.

The old reciprocity treaty was repealed in anger by the United States, and with the admitted purpose to hurt Canada. And it did so.

The McKinley tariff and the Dingley tariff were aimed largely at Canada. They hit Canada, and hurt her, too.

We had to struggle for years against these hostile tariffs until finally we enacted the national policy of Canada for the Canadians, and under it we have prospered and are now prospering.

We have built up a great system of railways and canals, developed a large inter-provincial trade, and enabled industries of our own to grow up here and flourish, even in the shadow of the powerful trusts and combinations just across the line.

We have opened up our great West, which is destined to furnish homes for millions of loyal Canadians.

And there has never been a time when we could not have had immunity from this struggle, first for existence and then in nation building, by simply hoisting the white flag.

Throughout it all we struggled on, and shall we hoist it now when success is perching upon our banners?