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He was speaking in 1906. All the tariff changes that were made in 1897 come within the past nine years, the changes that succeeded in the interval before 1901 and 1904, those changes, those reductions in the tariff, and in the revision to be made there were the further changes, changes with respect to the implements of production in basic industries that I have already quoted. Mr. Fielding uses these words:

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And they were considerable as I have read them to the House.

...and that we shall have again a period of tariff stability under which the industries of Canada will go on and prosper as they have done in the past nine years.

If you will take his thought, you will see that when Mr. Fielding uses the word "stability," he used it always in reference to meeting new conditions that have arisen or may arise. It is not a stationary, stagnant business; it is a matter of making progress and making it in the right direction.

Not one which will make any great changes, perhaps, but one which will meet such conditions as have arisen.

There is the first thing.

...and we hope that we shall have the same measure of success that we have had in the past, in devising a tariff which will meet the requirements of all interests in the country.

There is another phase of it.

...and that we shall have again a period of tariff stability.

In other words, the tariff was not to be something permanent, stationary, immutable, unchangeable and the like, but with tariff stability there was to be progress in the right direction. I might indicate what I think Mr. Fielding had in mind, what seems to be the right interpretation, if I remind the House of a little rhyme which is, I think, familiar with regard to the word "rest". Many persons would like to define rest as idleness, to give it the significance of indolence, doing nothing, marking time. The little rhyme runs:

Rest is not quitting this busy career,
Rest is adjusting oneself to one's sphere.

It is adjusting oneself to one's environment, a going in the right direction, making progress, and it is the same with stability. Whoever spoke of a ship at sea as being stable because it was standing still? When a ship puts out

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

to sea to make from one port to another, we say that she is steady or stable when she is in motion, when she is making headway, according to the way in which she holds her own against the different winds and seas which she encounters. We to-day are following that course. We have come to the moment where we can reduce taxation, and we are reducing it in accordance with what we have promised.

Just a word to the hon. member for Brantford (Mr. Raymond) for whom there is no one that I have greater affection or greater regard, the last member of this House that, if it was within my power to prevent it, I would injure in any way or for that matter the constituency of which he is the distinguished representative. My hon. friend, in the speech that he made some little time ago said:

I am loath to think that the Prime Minister would do anything against the interests of Brantford.

He is right.

In this resolution that was brought before the city council, it is stated that when the Prime Minister was in Brantford before the election he made a promise and a pledge to the people that if he were returned to power, no legitimate industry would suffer. Consequently, we cannot, upon present evidence, condemn the Prime Minister, but we shall not forget his promise.

This afternoon my right hon. friend, in his characteristic way, read a portion of a speech which I made at Brantford, and which contains, I think, the promise to which my hon. friend has reference. I asked my right hon. friend the name of the paper from which he was reading, and he said he was reading from the Montreal Gazette, but he thought the article was from the Brantford Expositor. I have in my hand a copy of the paper and of the article. It is a Canadian Press despatch headed:

Rocks and shoals may divert route of Liberal ship. King will not lay out course by convention tariff chart alone. Brantford meetings.

And so forth. My right hon. friend as I say, read this and also the following:

No legitimate industry is going to be hurt by our tariff policy, Mr. King declared. "But if we find industries taking advantage of the tariff to build up combines and trusts, then, if I have anything to do with it, we will put an end to this amassing of fortunes at the people's expense."

But he did not read this part, and this I would recall to the mind of the hon. member for Brantford as to what I said. It is in the same despatch quoting what I said at Brantford when I was supporting him at his election:

Mr. King reiterated that the Liberal party did not stand for free trade. The people now realised this fact. But the tariff must be primarily for revenue, and it must be revised in a manner to bring about an increase in production. Implements used in the basic industries and necessities of life must be relieved of taxation as far as possible.