

"The story of the party in power and of the Government of this country is the story of a party who glorify the Federation they did their utmost to obstruct.

"It is the story of a party, who, having failed to defeat the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, now boast, of what they have achieved for the country.

"It is the story of a party, that after the denunciation of protection, have adopted it as their policy.

"It is the story of a party who pledged themselves to secure reciprocal trade between England and Canada, and afterwards declared that they did not want that policy adopted.

"It is the story of a party who have violated every pledge they gave to the country when seeking power.

"It is the story of a party who avowed the policy of promoting trade with the Mother Country and so changed the tariff as to cause a diminution of the imports of England in three years of 3.90 per cent., and an increase of imports from the United States of 40.37 per cent. in the same period.

"It is the story of a party who opposed sending a Canadian contingent to aid England in South Africa until forced by their opponents to do so, and now claim the entire credit to themselves.

"It is the story of a party who opposed every measure that has caused the great development and prosperity of Canada and now attempt to reap where they had not sown."

—Sir Charles Tupper, in Parliament, March 30, 1900.

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