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The Crisis! That He Who Runs May Read

Commercial Union

PRESIDENT TAFT.

In a speech at the joint banquet of the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, held in New York on April 27th last, when it became necessary to explain to the people of the United States just what Reciprocity meant, just what the President hoped for by the measure, he said:—
"I have said that this was a critical time in the solution of the question of Reciprocity. It is critical because unless it is now decided favorably to Reciprocity, it is exceedingly probable that no such opportunity will ever again come to the United States. THE FORCES WHICH ARE AT WORK IN ENGLAND AND IN CANADA TO SEPARATE HER BY A CHINESE WALL FROM THE UNITED STATES, AND TO MAKE HER PART OF AN IMPERIAL COMMERCIAL BAND REACHING FROM ENGLAND AROUND THE WORLD TO ENGLAND AGAIN BY A SYSTEM OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS, WILL DERIVE AN IMPETUS FROM THE REJECTION OF THIS TREATY, and if we would have reciprocity with all the advantages that I have described, and that I earnestly and sincerely believe will follow its adoption we must take it NOW, or give it up forever."

From President Taft's message to Congress with the Reciprocity Agreement, Jan. 26, 1911: "Ought we not then to arrange a commercial agreement with Canada, if we can, by which we shall have direct access to her great supply of natural products without an obstructing or prohibitory tariff? ... The Dominion has prospered. It has an active, aggressive and intelligent people. They are COMING TO THE PARTING OF THE WAYS." ... "Should we not, therefore, before their policy has become too crystallized and fixed for change, meet them in a spirit of real concession, facilitate commerce between the two countries and thus greatly increase the natural resources available to our people?"



PRESIDENT TAFT:—THE BOND UNITING THE DOMINION WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY IS LIGHT AND ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE.

Annexation

FROM EDITORIALS IN THE HEARST PAPERS.

The day that Reciprocity becomes a fact, the chief interest of Canada will be here in the United States.

Should we not with Reciprocity be far more important in the eyes of Canadians than the IMAGINARY "EMPIRE OF GREAT BRITAIN" which they look to now?

THE IDEAL CONDITION, OF COURSE, WOULD BE A POLITICAL AS WELL AS A BUSINESS UNION OF ALL THIS NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT.

Is it not a fact that Reciprocity, bringing the people of Canada and the United States closer together every day, will do more than anything else to PROMOTE EVENTUALLY THE COMPLETE POLITICAL AND BUSINESS UNION of the United States and all the great territory north of us?

We look forward to the day when this whole North American Continent will be one great nation, as it should be.

The wisest members of Congress realize that the people endorse the very sane and conservative plan of the President. Many of the very able men throughout the country are working in behalf of the measure—with the President at their head—and this Congress will be known not as a dull Congress of reaction, but as THE SPECIAL CONGRESS THAT UNITED CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IN BUSINESS MATTERS, WHILE WAITING FOR AND DEVELOPING THROUGH TRADE A CLOSER UNION IN POLITICAL MATTERS.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S APPRECIATION.

The President's Cottage, Beverly, Mass., July 23, 1911.
Editor New York American, New York—I wish to express my high appreciation of the energetic work of the SEVEN HEARST papers and of the members of your staff for their earnest and useful effort to spread the gospel of Reciprocity, and I congratulate them on the success that has attended the Evangel.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Motherland

"Little lonely mother watching o'er the waters
Tell me what you look for with your wistful eyes of grey?
"Far beyond the ocean I have sons and daughters,
What mother's heart can love, her eyes can see away.
Day by day I see them, day by day I hear them,
Hear the murmur of their voices ever in the sea;
And my heart is yearning, yearning to be near them,
Children, I your mother am; cry 'mother' back to me.
Make me proud, my children; that one word my heart shall fill,
Grey haired England is your mother—call me 'mother' still."

"Little lonely mother watching o'er the waters,
Let your bosom swell with pride, your mother's heart rejoice,
Far beyond the ocean you have sons and daughters,
Sons and daughters swift as flame to leap up at your voice.
Whisper but a summons, sign to them in need,
East and west and north and south sounds back the answering hum;
Stir of children marching; best of hearts that bleed;
Thunder of ten thousand lips, 'O mother! Here we come!
England, mother England, all our blood cries back to thee,
Blood of kinship beats to blood like waves that seek the shore,
Bind us close, O mother, let us gather at thy knee,
Hand in hand, there let us stand, thy children evermore."



Stand Canadians, Firmly Stand

Britain bore us in her flank,
Britain nursed us at our birth,
Britain reared us to our rank
'Mid the nations of the earth.

Stand Canadians, firmly stand
Round the Flag of Fatherland.

In the hour of pain and dread,
In the gathering of the storm
Britons raised above our head
Her broad shield and sheltering arm.

Stand Canadians, firmly stand
Round the Flag of Fatherland.

O, Triune Kingdom of the brave,
O, sea-sirt island of the Free,
O, Empire of land and wave
Our hearts, our hands are all for thee.

Stand Canadians, firmly stand
Round the Flag of Fatherland.

Mr. J. J. Hill, American railway magnate: It is not what we have gained by the Reciprocity treaty that is most important, but what we have PREVENTED. What would have happened if we had not passed the treaty? That is the big question. There would have been a revival of a move for IMPERIAL FEDERATION, and if we had refused to trade with our good neighbor we should have been sorry for it in years to come. ** IN ENGLAND IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THE BEGINNING OF ACTION FOR SUCH IMPERIAL TRADE FEDERATION AS WOULD HAVE SHUT US OUT.



Mr. R. L. Borden at Halifax:—"Above and beyond all considerations there is the question of our nationhood. The question is above all parties and individuals. Sir Wilfrid Laurier insists that if the American Trusts get possession of our natural resources they will pay for them. Esau was paid for his birthright, but his example has never commended itself to the approval of mankind.
"It is not only the right but the duty of the Canadian people to transmit unimpaired to their children the heritage which came to them from their forefathers. That heritage was won by men who sacrificed every material possession for their allegiance to their King and to their Flag.
"The President of the United States has issued grave warnings to the Canadian people. This treaty, he declares, will prevent Canada from becoming a part of an Imperial commercial band, reaching from England around the world to England again, by a system of preferential tariffs. The British people are our best customers, the people of the United States are our strongest competitors in the markets of the world. With whom they should we seek to make reciprocal trade arrangements?
"The President has likewise declared that the ties which unite us to the Mother Country are light and almost imperceptible, and he has averred, not once but four times, in his public utterances that Canada stands 'at the parting of the ways.' The way upon which we have hitherto proceeded is the path of Canadian development, the path of Canadian prosperity, the path of Canadian unity, the path of Canadian nationhood within the British Empire.
"Let us follow that well defined path of national unity and greatness and let us not be dismayed at the task, now almost completed, which our fathers undertook, under difficulties now practically surmounted, the task of building up on the northern half of this continent the greatest nation of the greatest Empire the world has ever known."

Canada Expects Every Man to Do His Duty