

travagance we deplore, and would, to a great extent, though perhaps not altogether, because that mainly depends on the people themselves, ensure honest government in this country. The moment is opportune. Almost the last act of the House of Representatives in the United States was to pass unanimously a resolution which may not perhaps indicate the precise mode or the precise way in which commercial relations between the countries can best be settled, but which I take and which the Government should take, as holding out the olive branch to us, which is more than we deserve or than the Government deserves on the part of the United States. It is a declaration that they are prepared to treat with us for freer trade relations, and it is an answer to the absurd statement which has been made that the United States had not any desire for free and fair trade on free and fair terms with the people of Canada. More than that, it is

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of the position which we have always taken on this subject. Let us do our duty. Let us show to the United States that we are truly desirous of freedom of trade and friendly relations with them, and I am perfectly certain that, when the time comes and the United States are fairly approached, they will be willing to meet us in the same spirit. In order that there may be no mistake, and that the Government may understand that we are determined to fight this question out on the same lines that we have always fought it, I beg to move in amendment that you do not now leave the Chair, but that all the words after "that" be struck out, and that it be resolved:

In the present condition of affairs, and in view of the recent action of the House of Representatives of the United States, it is expedient that steps should be taken to ascertain on what terms and conditions arrangements can be effected with the United States for the purpose of securing full and unrestricted reciprocity of trade therewith.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause.