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"I feel now, no matter what the political consequences may be, that the right course for this country is not to enter into any extensive reciprocal arrangement with the United States.

"Enter into such arrangement, and what results? First, of all, the power to terminate though it may nominally be mutual, rests in fact with that country (the United States) ..... The natural routes are found and as they are found then we become practically at the mercy of legislation of the United States for the continuance of legislation upon which the currents of our commerce must more and more depend.....

"It has been the habit of certain people to bewail the rejection by Canada of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1911. Canada rejected that Reciprocity Treaty just because of the truth that I have sought to expound to this House. It is just as much a truth, just as vital a truth today as it ever was, and the spirit of this country is as true

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