

U. S. HAS DONE ITS PART. IT IS NOW FOR CANADA TO
SPEAK.

In past negotiations with the United States we have sometimes been troubled by doubts as to the readiness of Congress to ratify arrangements made by the Executive. When this agreement was announced, we were told among other things, that there was no assurance that the United States Congress would confirm it. Happily no doubt on that point can now arise. The agreement between the representatives of the two Governments has been confirmed by all the authorities necessary to give it effect in the United States. President Taft and his Secretary of State, firmly believing as we do that the consummation of the agreement will make for betterment in both countries, have loyally supported the agreement made with the Canadian Ministers. The President, the House of Representatives and the Senate have united in giving their approval to the agreement. In Canada proceedings in connection with the measure have been delayed by the obstructive policy pursued by the Opposition as already pointed out. The time has arrived when Canada must act. If the fair offer of the United States, which has now come to us after these many years, be rejected, we cannot reasonably look forward to any improvement in the unsatisfactory commercial relations that have so long prevailed. Seeing, then, that by an abuse of the rules of Parliament our political opponents were determined to obstruct this great measure, we decided to submit the issue to the supreme tribunal of the people. We invite them, at the elections about to be held, to give this question of reciprocity the most careful consideration and to elect representatives who will be prepared to sustain the Government in an effort, which can now be crowned with success, to bring about those better trade relations which have been so long sought in vain by the statesmen of Canada.