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Saxons, proud of our birthright, proud of our ancestry, we answered at the ballot boxes, and I remember my regret at not having a vote at that time. Little did I think that within a generation the Canadian people would be called upon to face the issue which endangers our land and the existence of the flag under which we live. Little did I think that the same issue would come to us. Now they have come to us with golden eagles and the gilded dollars. They have come with their insidious promises to ask the people to traffic with their birthright. Since when did men begin to sell their birthright for a few peas and beans?

We have filled up the Western plains with men who have had to face the problem of assimilation. Many of them do not know what it means to be Canadians and they say: "Let us go and sell our birthright" .....

Think of it! It is a question of what we are going to leave to our children, our descendants. My own ancestors left Boston, the title deeds of which they held, to come to Nova Scotia that I might be a Briton. Are you going to sell our sons' birthright? This is just what it means. Our party refused to do this and when the Laurier government came into power they went down to Washington and sought reciprocity.....

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