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HON. MR. FIELDING

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"In the name of the Liberal party of Canada, I declare to-day that we stand for reciprocity with the United States. I say that when the opportunity comes to make a fair treaty or agreement - and I say the agreement of 1911 was a fair and reasonable agreement and I am glad that our Progressive friends call for a repetition of that agreement in their motion today; to that extent I agree with it - but I say that when the opportunity comes we are proud to declare in the face of the parliament of Canada, whatever the fate of it may be, that this Liberal party stands for reciprocity with the United States when we can get a fair and reasonable agreement. That is our position. We are content to let the people judge between the hon. gentleman and ourselves on that point."

(Quoted by Mr. Bennett, H. of C. Debates, Feb. 20, 1933, p. 2265)

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