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as trade proposals; but when it was ascertained that in their ultimate results they involved the whole future of Canada, then it was that the national spirit of our people was aroused

"Mr. Speaker, in that portion of this great Dominion in which I am privileged to reside, a very substantial portion of our population has come from the great republic to the south, and one of the strongest reasons I had for opposing the reciprocity agreement was that it threw into the melting pot for solution a question that involved a problem in patriotism. When we remember that so large a portion of our population came from that great republic, where they inherited traditions that were at least not favourable to monarchical institutions; when they learned through the medium of the American press, that, however much their former political parties differed with each other, they showed unanimity in favour of these proposals, and when they found American public men preaching a doctrine that indicated that the consequences of this agreement would be the absorption of Western Canada at least by the great republic, and at all events rendering impossible for all time the commercial and organic union of

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