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As Conservative Candidate, Calgary

RE: RECIPROCITY

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"Now, shall I talk upon the great issues of the campaign or not? (Voices) It is the largest and most important issue that has faced the Canadian people in the last twenty years. I believe in all sincerity and with a conviction that can't be measured that we in this young Canadian country are face to face with the largest problem we shall ever face. I come to you manfully and joyfully and ask your support in this fight which means so much for this party and this city and this broad Dominion. To properly consider the issues which lie before us we must go into these questions deeply. Our opponents have said that the Conservatives always favored reciprocity. Up to 1891 our speeches were not made in favor of reciprocity but against it, and in favor of Sir John Macdonald's policy. Did that look like the Conservative party favoring reciprocity? I remember well Sir John issuing his manifesto at Toronto and saying: 'A British subject I was

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