

# The Canadian National League

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**T**HE CANADIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE was formed following the Protest against "Reciprocity with the United States of America," which was signed by eighteen supporters in Toronto of the Liberal Party in Canada, and published in the press on February 20th, 1911.

The objects of the League are:—

To oppose the adoption of the proposed Reciprocity Agreement between Canada and the United States of America and to support such measures as will uphold Canadian Nationality and British Connection, will preserve our Fiscal Independence and will continue to develop our present National policy of interprovincial and external trade, under which the Dominion has achieved its present prosperity.

The basis upon which the League has been formed is Canadian Nationality, British Connection and Fiscal Independence.

It is non-partisan in character, and opposes the Laurier Government because it believes that in negotiating this Agreement with the United States, and in endeavouring to have it adopted by Parliament, the Government is not upholding Canadian Nationality and British Connection, and is not preserving our Fiscal Independence. The League would oppose any Government, whether Liberal or Conservative, for the same reasons.

While opposing this Agreement upon the principles stated, the Agreement is also opposed upon economic grounds, because any present benefit to any section of Canada, or to any interests or individuals therein, which might accrue from it, would be more than offset by the loss and injury which would accrue to other sections, and interests, and individuals; and because the result to Canada as a whole, would be greatly injurious.

Believing that the people of Canada desire accurate and non-partisan information upon the questions involved, and that the surest way to defeat this Agreement is to supply such information, the League is engaged in collecting facts and statistics which will be embodied in pamphlets and distributed. The readers of these pamphlets may rely upon the accuracy of the statements of facts and figures, whether or not they agree with the arguments and inferences drawn from them.

We wish it to be understood that in opposing this Reciprocity Agreement no charge of bad faith or disloyalty is brought against the Government, or any member of it, or against any of those