

length to acquire it and to have the Stars and Stripes floating o'er this continent from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf. To use Sir William Van Horne's now celebrated phrase, we felt 'sick and ashamed,' and we decided to act.

"A manifesto was then drawn up and agreed to, embodying the views I have expressed. I was asked to invite other Liberals, who were true Canadians, to join in our protest and I am proud to say that we met with a ready and hearty response.

"We had no intention of allowing our protest to be a mere flash in the pan; we intended to organize and work against this preposterous agreement. We have organized; we have appointed a committee of ourselves as a nucleus of a larger committee, and we will have representation on our committee from other organizations opposed to this agreement. The committee honored me by asking me to be their chairman, and, although the task is not a very inviting one, and much time and thought and anxiety will be entailed, yet I shall not shirk the work. We propose to carry on a campaign of education and information, and to show upon what a flimsy basis this supposed boon to the Canadian people rests. The true inwardness of the agreement has already become known, and we feel sure that, when it is fully known, the people of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will rise up and prove themselves true Canadians, and settle once and for all that Canada is to be free, that Canada is to continue in her own prosperous course, that no agreements with the United States shall be made which will hamper her freedom of action in the settlement of her own tariffs and the carving out of her own destiny; that she shall remain as the brightest jewel in the British Crown, and achieve nationhood within the British Empire."

In conclusion the speaker said: "This is not a question of party; it is a question above and beyond any parties. This is not a question of the interests of individuals or classes or sections in Canada; it is a question of Canadian autonomy and Canadian nationality and the Canadian flag.

Our hearts where they rocked our cradle;

Our love where we spent our toil;

Our faith, our hope and our honor,

We pledge to our native soil."

Mr. W. T. White, who seconded the resolution, opened his address by quoting a previous speech by Sir Wilfrid Laurier before the last election. Referring to the National Trans-continental Railway, it said, in part: "We consider it our duty to provide immediate means for the farmer of the West to get his products to the Atlantic Ocean." He then showed how by every legitimate means, trade had been opened in Canada along east and west lines, instead of north and south.

Continuing, Mr. White dwelt on the marked prosperity en-