

"The Treaty had proved unsatisfactory to the people of the U.S., and consequently had been terminated by notice from their Government in pursuance of its provisions. Its renewal would not be in their interest and would not be in accordance with the views of the people of the United States."

In 1872 the Government of Sir John Macdonald in response to a resolution of the Board of Trade of the Dominion, called attention to the fact "that both Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Canada have availed themselves of every suitable opportunity since the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty to press upon the Government of the United States the desirability of a renewal of reciprocal trade relations between the latter country and Canada upon a broad and liberal basis; and submits for the favorable consideration of Your Excellency in Council that the Dominion Board of Trade be informed that should the Government of the United States comply with the wishes of the United States National Board of Trade, the subject will receive the fullest consideration of the Government of Canada." *Canada Sess. Papers No. 40, 1873.*

(The United States National Board of Trade in 1872 had petitioned Congress for a renewal of reciprocal trade relations with Canada; and the Dominion Board of Trade had brought this fact to the notice of the Government of Canada.)

In 1874 George Brown, at the instance of the Mackenzie Government, which, by its Minute of Council, declared its belief, "That a most favorable opportunity was presented for renewal of negotiations for a reciprocity treaty," was sent as a commissioner to Washington, and in conjunction with Sir Edward Thornton, after a good deal of discussion, negotiated a draft treaty of reciprocity. But the President did not even allude to it by message, nor did the Senate of the United States, acting within the scope of its authority, ratify or even deign to discuss it.

The failure of George Brown's attempt in 1874 had such an effect on Mr. Mackenzie's Government that during the remainder of its term it made no further attempt in that direction. In 1875, when Mr. Wallace asked if the Government intended to renew negotiations, Mr. Mackenzie replied: "We will always be ready to negotiate for a reciprocity treaty with any nation."