

In the United States. Canada, after political struggles for half a century, hampered by the growth of the Republic itself, which drew away 2,000,000 of our sons and daughters and offered as many impediments to our progress as possible, has come to the reward of her efforts; she has progressed on sound lines, has developed large industries and stable monetary institutions and has at the same time maintained a high moral tone in her financial affairs and preserved intact the best of British institutions and traditions. Today she is in the front rank of the Dominions of the Empire and is attracting population and capital at a surprising rate and to a very large extent from the United States. This remarkable success has been achieved not because of the United States, but in spite of that country; it has been achieved by overcoming physical obstacles which lay in her path East and West. A wilderness of rock and muskeg stretched between Eastern Canada and the prairies, and prodigious ranges of mountains stood between the prairies and the Pacific. Gaps in navigation had to be overcome by a system of canals. Railways had to be built and steamship lines established on the Pacific and Atlantic. All our lines of traffic laid down at the cost of over one billion dollars, are East and West—between provinces, between oceans, between Canada and Great Britain, between Canada and the Orient, between the Dominions of the Empire. Shall we after all these years of planning and building tap this stream of traffic and let it go south? The United States refused to share in this traffic until it became a mighty stream; our destiny assured, the United States now want to share it with theirs.

The Governor of Michigan in welcoming the National Editorial Association at Detroit the other day, spoke about Reciprocity being the prelude of the union of nations from the North Pole to the Isthmus of Panama.

The Governor of Michigan, Speaker Champ Clark, President Taft, Jim Hill, and every other man of mark in the United States knows what Reciprocity means and they could not even restrain themselves while the measure was passing through Congress. They express the feeling which is universal in the United States, that Canada is inevitably part of the American nation, and that as one people they have a common future. Having built up this great national structure at our own expense, shall we hand it over to the nation that stood by and reviled us while we labored? To the minds of patriotic Canadians it must appear to be the crime of the century, the very maximum of madness.

#### A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

This little book was, for the most part, written before an election was in prospect. As an election is now pending and as Reciprocity will be the outstanding issue, its publication will be at least seasonable.