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The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, in the first session of the new Parliament, was moved by Mr. R. B. Bennett. In welcoming the Duke of Connaught as Governor-General of Canada, Mr. Bennett said:

"To many of us, it seems but fitting that a member of the Royal Family should open a new Parliament, with a new government with a clear mandate from the people on a great issue, indicating in no uncertain terms a settled conviction that the Canadian people would consider no trade proposals that menaced, even remotely, their fiscal and national independence, or the ties that bind them to the British Empire, or rendered for a moment more difficult the realization of the hope that lives in all of us for the commercial and organic union of that Empire.

"Mr. Speaker, the risk was real and the danger imminent. I doubt not that when the proposals to which I have referred were first introduced, they were regarded merely

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