

There is the statement made on the floor of Congress by Mr. Champ Clark, and, Mr. Speaker, those of you who have read the Journals will have noticed what a great rumpus was created in Washington when this speech was made, and Mr. Taft was very quick and very astute in taking every possible step to minimize the utterance of Mr. Champ Clark, and even cabled across the ocean that it was all a joke. But Mr. Clark declared in an interview that it was not a joke. That what he had said expressed the views which he had always held, and that they were the views which he then held.

### **J. J. HILL'S CANDID OPINION.**

Now let us hear from that well-known Canadian, Mr. J. J. Hill, who, I am sorry to say, has expatriated himself. This is what he said in an interview, and I desire to draw the attention of honourable members to the note of mystery which seems to run between the lines of this interview:

"The public mind must not be deceived by any pretences of political hypocrisy. Every public man either knows or does not know the true value and obvious effect of this reciprocity agreement. If he does not know, he is not fit for his place, and such a confession should banish him from it. If he does know and yet opposes, he is a demagogue prepared to sacrifice the most important interests of his own country, and then close the greatest opportunity opened to it in years, for the sake of some supposed private political advantage which he believes can be won by pandering to ignorant prejudice. "Every such man should be sent to the rear in the future political life of the United States as defective in either brains or honesty. By the fate of this treaty our national character will be tested; and by his vote upon it, each public representative may be fairly and finally judged."

Then he also said in another interview that "conditions in the British Empire are such that, if we let this opportunity pass, it will never come again. If we neglect the opportunity that is now manifesting itself, it is almost a certainty that imperial federation will follow."

### **NO UNDUE ADVANTAGE TO BRITAIN, SAYS McCALL.**

Am I not right, Sir, when I say that there is no answer to these things, no answer as to the meaning, intention and determination of these distinguished statesmen of the American Republic? Then, Mr. McCall, a member of Congress at Washington, said to be probably the most cultured man in the House of Representatives, is the