

of Canada. If the Government should come out against the treaty, then the first Minister was to be charged with opposing the interests of the Empire. Whichever course we might take they were lying in wait ready with some mode of attack. But "silence is golden," Mr. Speaker, and I kept silence. I believe the sober second thought of this country accords with the sober second thought of the Government, and we come down here and ask the people of Canada

through their representatives to accept this treaty, to accept it with all its imperfections, to accept it for the sake of peace, and for the sake of the great Empire, of which we form a part, I now beg leave to introduce the Bill, and to state that I have the permission of His Excellency to do so.

The hon. gentleman resumed his seat at 9:45, after having spoken for four hours and a quarter, amid loud and continued applause from all parts of the House.

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