

approved the Canadian-American agreement," and declared it would not lead to annexation. Canada's nationality, declared Mr. Mallett, was "too great a living force to-day to be swallowed up in the United States." Mr. Mallett further declared that to attempt to interfere with the agreement would be to ask "the greatest British colony to turn her back on the greatest market in the world." He urged further that "anything which increased the national development of Canada would be a source of Imperial strength."

The Daily News, of London, one of the most reputable and influential of British papers, discussing the political situation in Canada, says:

"The Conservatives profess that reciprocity means ultimate annexation and they appeal to the Canadians as the only true Imperialists. The suggestion that they will sell their independence is a curious compliment to the patriotism of the Canadian people, and there are at least two solid reasons for questioning the sincerity of the Conservative Imperialist profession. THE HOPES OF THE CONSERVATIVES REST UPON THE PROTECTED MANUFACTURERS, AND THESE ARE THE GREATEST ENEMIES OF THE BRITISH PREFERENCE; THEY ARE OPPOSED TO ITS EXTENSION AND CONSTANTLY URGE ITS RESTRICTION. Again, the Conservatives cannot turn the Laurier Government out unless they heat it in Quebec, and to do this they have formed an alliance with the Nationalists. Quebec is the French Province and Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Monk have there formed a French party which is before all things anti-Imperialist. It denounces the Canadian navy and it denounces Sir Wilfrid Laurier's action at the Imperial Conference. To give this party a chance of defeating the Liberals in Quebec, the Conservatives will run no candidates in that Province, but will get their friends to vote with the Nationalists. IT ILL BECOMES A PARTY WITH SUCH ASSOCIATIONS TO CLAIM THE MONOPOLY OF IMPERIAL PATRIOTISM. It is, of course, very early to guess the result of the contest. Reciprocity is believed to be popular in the Prairie Provinces, in the Eastern Provinces, in Quebec, except in the industrial areas, and in Ontario, again except in the industrial areas. A Liberal majority is, therefore, generally anticipated, and if it should prove large, a very heavy blow will have been struck at Canadian Protection and incidentally at corruption in Canadian politics."

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The Daily Chronicle says:

"The success of reciprocity means more and larger markets for Canada. Kipling makes the singular remark that nine million Canadians will be handicapped by ninety million Americans. Of course, the opposite is the case. Kipling and other ignorant economists who claim they are capable of thinking imperially, consider there is something disloyal in encouraging the sale of Canadian produce in American markets. Laurier's loyalty is just as unquestioned as is Kipling's and he can speak with authority from his