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Foster's Statement as to Conference With Mr. Blaine.

and Cons of the Proposi--Cannot Discriminate Against Great Britain.

owing is the passage of the Budget which the Finance Minister gives an f the conference which the Dominion had with Secretary Blaine and Gen-er on the subject of reciprocity in trade

of the Secretary of State, a delega-the Canadian government went to on and met the Seretary of State in . I may say this, and I think it is ore than right to say it, that Mr. THE DIFFICULTIES TO BE MET

ich the duties upon the raw materials in both countries as well as the duties the manufactured goods. Mr. Blaine add at once that this was a vital point; that mited States had its policy of protection, are large protection to both wool and mgoods, and that unless this vital point marded, there would be no security to inited States on the one hand against gling along a frontier line three thousand in extent, and no security on the other for the permanence and preservation of licy of protection which they proposed inue, and that he saw no way out of the dity except by making.

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terial cheers.) Well, sir, the discussion
ion. We had pretty well exhausted the
st, when the Canadian delegates after
g presented these difficulties and canithem fairly and honestly, said to Mr.
e. "This is the position in which we
These are our difficulties. You acknowthat they exist. You have had experinframing reciprocity treaties, and have
unch to do in the study and arrangement
iprocal matters. We lay these points
you, and we ask you whether or not, out
r experience, you are not prepared to
see a modification of this basis in order
we might diminish at least to some extent
ficulties we foresee as to loss of revenue
o discrimination against Great Britain,
s to the adoption of a high uniform tariff,"
a discussion of that subject for some time
ceived the answer from Mr. Blaine that
knowledged our difficulty, but that he
lear in his own mind that no other arment would be satisfactory to the United
s, that their manufacturers must have
ential treatment, including, of course,
mination against foreign countries and
ally against Great Britain; that there
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hat that tariff must be practically a tariff
tunited States. (Cheers.) With this rewe passed on to other points in the dism and did not after refer to the trade
ion. Sir, this is in brief a fair and candid
mt of what took place at our conference,
ik it is only necessary for me to add, that
g as the present policy is maintained in
inited States in one branch or the other,
the executive, we cannot hope for any
y with the country except upon these
which will take in the natural products
manufactured goods unlimited in its
, the basis of which is a preferential
ment in our markets with discrimination
islly against Great Britain and other
tries, that must be accompanied by a
rm tariff, and that this tariff must be
ized to that of the United States,
a are in brief the results which have
arrived at. After years of discussion
the time that our reciprocity treaty
denounced in 1865 to the present there
been various thoughts and various ideas
orward; there have been assurances and
ter assurances, proposals but not counter
sals, and up to this date we have been unto get a counter ploposal from the United
s. Now the matter is settled. (Hear,
I it is settled in point of clearness and
iteness. For my own part, I regret that
settled as it is, and I am glad. I regret
no modus could be found by which proe trade arrangements could be made ben these two countries without our being
I upon to sacrifice too much of Canadian
asts, and of Canadian nationality (cheers);
glad, however, that from this time forthere need be no lack of definiteness.

All parties and all people in Canada may
exactly the basis upon which trade can

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