

on the ground of its instability and the uncertainty that it would create in Canadian business and production.

In reality, there was probably more uncertainty regarding the duration of the 1911 Agreement, in spite of the fact that no fixed period was mentioned and although it was based only on concurrent legislation and not a Treaty. The present Agreement, on the other hand, has a fixed duration of only three years, after which it may be denounced upon six months notice.

Mr. Bennett cannot attack the Agreement on the ground of its duration or the resulting uncertainty, since he himself opened negotiations on the basis of the President's powers as defined by the Trade Agreements Act, 1934, which limits any commitments of the United States to three years definite duration.

3. That the Agreement was not first submitted to Parliament

It is quite possible that Mr. Bennett may say that Mr. King attacked him for binding Parliament by the Ottawa Agreements of 1932 and now he, Mr. King, binds Parliament without even first submitting the Agreement to Parliament.

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