

upright of Conservative statesmen, said in 1891 : "The Government of which I am a member is appealing to the country with a policy which we believe will be heartily endorsed by a great majority of the electors. We have made to the Government of the United States, through the Government of Great Britain, proposals for reciprocity in trade which we have good reason to believe, will result in an arrangement by which the markets of the United States will be re-opened to the products which our people desire most to send there. A fair measure of reciprocity is what we desire, and we have no doubt that that can be obtained without undue sacrifice."

The London Times, the leading exponent of Imperialism in Great Britain said, referring to the Fielding agreement : "We cannot tell how far the sporadically raised cry of annexation is influencing Canadian opinion, but there is no reason that the reciprocity agreement would produce any tendency in that direction. On the contrary, bargaining on equal terms with the United States might tend to foster rather than diminish the self-reliance and importance of the Canadian people."

When one thinks it over, how could the people of the United Kingdom object to reciprocal trade with the United States as disloyal ? They trade freely with the whole world. Does any one suppose that they would refuse to make an agreement for the free admission of their manufactures into the United States ? Not only British free traders but British protectionists, would jump at the chance of obtaining such an agreement. Mr. Balfour, leader of the Unionist party, and Mr. Chaplin, a well known British protectionist, have expressed the view that Great Britain ought to have a protective tariff in order to be able to make terms with other countries—to have something to offer in return for freer access to foreign markets. This is exactly what the authors of the N. P. said in 1878.

The theory that trade will weaken loyalty does not bear examination. Experience is against it, the teaching of such men as Sir Oliver Mowat is against it, common sense is against it.

The way to keep Canada loyal and patriotic is not to maintain a lot of petty, peddling, tyrannical restrictions against trade, but to preserve and improve British institu-