

*Official Opening of Rochester*

"May I ask you to express to the Mayor and citizens of Rochester our congratulations on the opening of a new Chamber of Commerce building and our hope that the "Flower City" may be blessed in the future with even more abundant prosperity than in the past.

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) "T. L. CHURCH,  
"Mayor."

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

I have been asked to speak on "The United States and Canada." I may not speak to you of commerce as it may be in the future. That is a political matter on which the lips of His Majesty's Justice are sealed. The commercial relations between the United States and Canada have in the past been almost absurd, whip-sawing one way and another. The United States would make an offer, only to have it rejected. Then when Britain and Canada had come to a better sense, the United States declined what they had formerly asked, and when the United States had come to a better sense, Canada declined, and vice versa, whip-sawing for seventy years. In 1854 it was thought that this was put an end to when that great treaty was put through, the Reciprocity Treaty. But this lasted only a few years—the United States denounced it in 1866. Not that it was not fairly satisfactory, for, with a little amendment, it would have answered all legitimate purposes; but because this nation was angry at Britain for her conduct during the Civil War and wreaked a vicarious vengeance on the child for the mother's supposed sin. Perhaps now when the troubles of the neutral are better appreciated in the United States, opinions on the conduct of Britain will be more charitable. We sought again and again the reciprocity we had lost, but in vain—till at length we settled down to the struggle without it—and we "made good."

Then came the offer from your side—and we rejected it. But if 51 per cent of our voters decided that Canada would be better without reciprocity, that did not mean that they looked upon the citizens of this Republic with dislike. Business is business. We continued to regard you when we rejected your offer as you regarded us when you rejected ours. True, there are some with us who like to have a shot at the American Eagle as you have some who love to twine the Lion's tail—but on either side of the line these are negligible.

When this war began and Canada threw herself into the conflict with men and money the position taken by the United States was perplexing to Canadians.