

best political speeches I ever made and I made them in the interests of two men in whom I had great confidence and held great respect.

The good old days are past and gone but I have many happy recollections of my political activities in Manitoba and although my physical vision is gone my political vision is just as keen as ever. When I consider the task of repairing the injury done to the Dominion by the "hush" policy of Mackenzie King and the terrible state revealed by the investigation of the Railway situation and other financial questions with which the Government has to deal and the sacrifice of Canada's interest made by the Liberal Government during its nine years of power I have a faint idea of the magnitude of the difficulties confronting the Liberal Conservative Government led by the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett. The party has always been equal to meeting and settling every question that has been placed before it for solution. It has a strong leader with a strong backbone who doesn't say "hush" or "don't offend Uncle Sam" when the question of tariffs arises but puts up the bars sufficiently high to give Canadians their own home markets. A leader who went to the Imperial conference and threw down his challenge to free trade Britain and all the other self-governing nations in the Empire, preference for preference and to-day the Empire stands solidly together on the trade question. The Premier of Canada not only is the most outstanding Canadian but is also one of the leading statesmen of the Empire. I have never had the pleasure of meeting the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett but you can assure him that I have a very high opinion of his ability and his integrity and believe that under his leadership the Conservative party will bring Canada back to prosperity and the Canadian people to a state of happiness which ought to be their normal condition and which has always prevailed under the beneficent government of the Liberal Conservative party.

In looking back over the period in which I assisted in a small way in bringing about the great development and up-building of the great Dominion of Canada and the proud position it occupies in the Commonwealth of Nations known as the British Empire I have no hesitation in saying that Canada in time will be the greater Britain. The future of Canada is linked up with that of the Empire and it is in the best interests of Canada that we should continue the Union Jack as our National flag and "God Save the King" as our National Anthem. We want no Weir version of "O Canada" to take the place of the National Anthem. I have met many advocates who sing lustily "they stand on guard for thee" but have never known one that ever stood on guard for anything except during the War when they watched for the recruiting officer and took to the tall timbers. Ninety-five per cent of the people of Canada are British and will remain British and this spirit of loyalty to the old "Motherland" is largely the result of the efforts of the Conservative party to encourage this spirit. I feel I am amply repaid for any contribution I have made to bring about this desirable result. It ought to be the work of the Conservative party to see during their term of office (which I hope will be the next twenty-five years) that the ties that bind us to the Empire will never be weakened.

There is a great factor in the development of Canada which I think all Parties recognize, the Canadian Pacific Railway. It may properly be called the spinal column of the Dominion. I remember quite well when the contract was before Parliament in 1879. Charlie Rykert, M.P. for Lincoln came up to St. Catherines to discuss the terms of the contract before his constituents. I attended that meeting and after hearing his address I was convinced that it was in the best interests of Canada to link up the provinces from East to West with the railway system. This great feat was