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MR. R. B. BENNETT

As Conservative Candidate, Calgary

RE: RECIPROCITY

1911

"At the age of 16 I opposed reciprocity in an essay at school; at 20 I was speaking against it; and if the Conservative party espoused the cause today, I would separate myself from it. On August 14th, I tried to appeal to the loftier citizenship of Calgary against it, but I was sneered at, laughed at and jeered at on all sides, but I still regard myself the proud victim of that sort of thing. Tonight I will devote myself, not to the lofty sentiments of the people, but to the low and material standpoint taken by my opponents."

(From Morning Albertan, Tues. Aug. 29, 1911, report of R. B. Bennett's Speech in the Calgary rink.)

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