explain if the agreement were to lead

to annexation how that was to take

ways-force or persuasion-the Unit-

ed States must conquer us or we

be no conquering, then it must be

NOT AFRAID.

"Further the Tories sought to ar

gue that if the agreement were made,

the Americans would tire of it after

A Voice-"No, sir!"

degrading doctrine as that.

ited States, I love Canada, my na-

bec I am attacked as an imperialist,

and in Ontario as an anti-imperial-

rattle and could be heard for blocks

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ried it once and failed. The United place. Furnishing the answer, Sir States tried it and failed. And in Wilfrid said there were only two this case it might be that the Denocrats might reduce the duties and thus give access to our markets, but was only a chance that they must vote to be annexed. There was would do so; it was a bird in the no other way. No one had dared say oush while the agreement we now yet that the result of this agreement have was a bird in the hand. It was would be war. On the contrary, the coo, a certain market at hand as agreement was a bond of peace and ompared with an uncertain market amity and good will. There would other countries.

You have been told," continued by the will of the Canadian people the premier, "with wails and lamen and he was quite sure that those ations, that in giving this agree- who said the agreement would lead ment to the States we have opened to annexation would not vote for our doors to the old world. What annexation. loes such a statement mean? They "Further than this," said Sir Wilsay it is because of some old treaties frid-and thunders of applause folentered into by Great Britain in the lowed-"I will offer to make a bardays of favored nation privileges, gain and put an end to this. Let there are some countries to which we Mr. Borden / answer for the Tories will be compelled by this agreement and I will answer for the Gris.' to apply the same tariff terms as to the United States.

"Do we find Germany or any of the great powers in the list? No: There s first of all Bolivia. I don't think the name Bolivia will strike terror ne name Bolivia will strike terror a few years and put up the protective duties and thereby kill trade. ho knows where about Bolivia is. f there are five men who know where Here's a trade admittedly profitable' Bolivia is I will take my seat. We he said. "But after a few years, have never sold anything to Bolivia they tell us, we will have to seek and have we ever bought a thing markets elsewhere. Is that a reason rom Bolivia?

"Then there is Argentine. But what take a risk?" did we buy from Argentine? We bought nothing mentioned in this agreement. Well, you see that the There's the proper spirit. I thank House. Hon. Mr. Foster's speech competition we have from these cen- that man." (Applause.) tres is not serious at all. It is ridiculous to say that we need to fear of trade resolution setting forth fear the words of Mayor Thomas, who

"Then there was Japan. What did agreement be passed and then repealwe buy from Japan. Wheat? No. ed. Was it the British spirit to say, There was one article we bought from as this meant, that rather than sub-Japan, just one, and that was rice. mit to this we would sell our nation-Was that going to be affected by the ality, and annexation would follow. eciprocity agreement? There were "I am ashamed of the man who welve in all of these countries, in- would put up such an argument as luding also Russia and Denmark, and that. (Hear, hear.) I am ashamed the trade in each case, he showed, vas of such character or so small as to render the Tories' objections on this score ridiculous and absurd.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE RESO-LUTION.

pointed out that these old treaties in my heart, Canada, my native might some tlay be an obstacle to land." (Renewed cheering.) future trade for Canada and he mov- They were prepared to take the ed a resolution which was passed risk. Canada took it once before. A nanimously, and at any time Cana- treaty of reciprocity was made with a felt pressed by any one of these the United States in 1856 by Lord nations, His Majesty's government Elgin and was ended ten years later. ions to render assistance.

noved by him, passed unanimously present government came into powat the last imperial conference, and er. When the treaty was repealed in dopted by the British government. 1866 it was a sad blow, but did Sir This resolution was supported by John A Macdonald, Sir George Carew Zealand, South Africa and New- tier or Sir Leonard Tilley go to the and and approved by the Bri- United States then and say: 'Restor

those of today. (Applause and cheers.) separatist by the Tory press of discussion of the events following the benefit the Canadian farmer. Wilfrid. "I was born under the Bri- treaty, and the applause which greet- in Canada must go hand in hand ing.) The British connections I value guage the black bargain between Mr. of the American consumer for Continuing to smeak of these treat- cheers he said: ies, Sir Wilfrid said that only this "I appeal to you who know my and year the British government nego- the work of my administration to tiated with Japan for renewal of the uphold me and my government by Canadians and yet Canada has a Ontario. I am branded in Quebec as eparate agreement with Japan and a traitor to the French, and in Ono one thinks we are separatists. The tario as a traiter to the English. In same thing applies to these old Quebec I am branded as a jingo, and

THE LOYALTY CRY.

There were other objections the "I am neither. I am a Canadian. was the cry used by the Conserva- of our triumph in 1896, and I now aptly quoted the words of one of try and of the empire. the leaders when a contingency in- As Sir Wilfrid com luded the whole the it properly. However, as a far volving British connection was put audience, on the platform and in the mer's question it concerned all. before him: "So much the worse for billy of the rink, sprang to their feet British connection" was this Tory and gave the speaker three cheers for the last ten or fifteen years? leader's loyal answer.

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intelligence of Canadians.

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## ANTI-RECIPROCITY ARGUMENTS WERE AGAIN REHASHED

### Hon. G. E. Foster and Hon. H. F McLeod the Speakers-O. S Crocket not Present

against it. Are Britons afraid to of Finance, and Hon. H. F- McLeod, Solicitor General of New Brunswick, were the orators at last night's an-Sir Wilfrid-"That's right, sir. ti-reciprocity meeting in the Opera was the chief item on the bill-of-fare Sir Wilfrid quoted a Toronto board while Hon. Mr. McLeod's address, i of a disruption of trade should the acted as chairman, was a "side dish." There was nothing new in what was offered. Hon. H. F. Mc Leod made no attempt to discuss reciprocity from a business point of view, but waved the "old flag" energetically. The speech of the ex-minister of finance was merely an en largement of the hackneyed phrase, that any man should promote such a "Let well enough alone."

The weather was unfavorable, rain "I admire what the United States falling all evening, but the audience has done for the advancement of the was large, many going to hear Hon world, but much as I admire the Un-Mr. Foster on account of his former connection with Fredericton and with tive land, more. (Applause and great the County of York as its represen At the imperial conference he had cheering.) Canada has the first place tative at Ottawa. Many of Mr. Fos ter's hearers were of the opposin political party and friends of reciprocity. The 71st Regt. Band played in front of the Opera House before the meeting began.

One most noticeable feature of th meeting was the absence of Mr. O. tood ready to enter into negotia- They would remember that there S. Crocket, the anti-reciprocity can never was such prosperity in Canada didate in this constituency. The only Sir Wilfrid read the resolution as during those ten years until the explanation of his absence was that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting.

sh government and the latter stood our trade or annex us.' No, the Toready to assist at any time under ies of that time were firmer than it was the great issue of the cam paign, but that he had no intention "I was branded a traitor and a When Sir Wilfrid had concluded his of discussing how reciprocity would condon and Canada," continued Sir annulment of the Elgin reciprocity cultural and industrial development tish flag, and the people to whom I ed him had died away, he turned his President Taft had been forced to belong are more free under that flag attention to events in Quebec and de- negotiate for reciprocity with Canthan under any other. (Great cheer- nounced in plain and earnest lan- ada because of the insistent domaind nighly. I am not a separatist, be- Borden, the Tory imperialist, and lower cost of living. The speaker cause I introduced that resolution." Mr. Bourassa, the Nationalist. Amid followed this statement with the surprising and contradictory remark that agricultural products in the Canadian market brought higher prices than in the United States. old commercial treaty and had it against the unholv alliance of the renewed. Was the step not approved by Canadians and yet Canada has a growing up in Canada as a result of the policy of protection. A little flag-waving closed Hon.Mr. McLeod's treaties and that was all that need in Ontario as a separatist. In Que-

HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER.

In introduction Hon. Mr. Foster referred to his former connection with Pories raised but he would reply to (Continued cheering.) Canada has Fredericton. He could not see, how only one of them because it was the been the inspiration of my life. I ever, why he had been called to one they heard most of. They had have had before me as a pillar of fire Fredericton while the party had such been told that the agreement might by night and a pillur of cloud by day orators as Harry. Mr. Foster disbe a good one, but as Loyalists they a policy of true Canadianism, of mod- agreed with Hon. H. F. McLeod in objected to it because it would lead eration and of conciliation. I have throwing aside the record of fifteen to annexation. (Laughter.) This followed it consistently since the day years in power and making recipro city the great issue of the cravaign tives to defeat the agreement. They appeal with confidence to the whole However, he would disregard those were never so loyal as today; in fact Camadian people to uphold men in this other issues and discuss reciprocity they were even more loyal out of of- policy of sound Canadianism which Some persons had said it was a far fice than when in. Here the premier makes for the greatness of our coun- mer's question. If left to them fre had no doubt the farmers would set-

> What was the matter was Canad and a tiger which made the windows Voice-"She's all right."

(Continued on page eight.)

Wilfrid, "is that it is at once abso- while many resumed their seats, many could clear an aisle through the wildlute nonsense and an insult to the more surrounded Sir Wilfrid Laurier ly cheering crowd, and enable Sir and hundreds seized him by the hand. Wilfrid, still smiling and debonnaire, He supposed a Conservative stand- He stood, the centre of a group of to reach the motor car that was in ng before him and he asked him to wildly enthusiastic crowd, smiling waiting to carry him back to his and shaking man after man by the hotel.

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