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**Mr. MacKay's Stirring
Patriotic Address
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RECIPROCITY FOR COUNTRY'S GOOD.

He Moves an Amendment to "Anti" Resolution of the Premier.

Hon. A. G. MacKay came to the defence of reciprocity yesterday. In an address of two hours, which in its concise reasoning, its clear insight into conditions and its splendid delivery was the most masterly contribution to the subject the Legislature has listened to, the Liberal leader swept away the flood of hysterical condemnation the Government members have been pouring upon the reciprocity agreement for a week, and placed the issue, robbed of its trimming of "bogies," squarely before the House.

Hon. A. G. MacKay was at his best, and his brilliant vindication of the policy of the Dominion Government won the congratulation even of the Conservative members. At the close of his address, the leader of the Opposition moved an amendment to Sir James Whitney's resolution, endorsing the stand taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, and deprecating the attacks made upon the loyalty to the Empire of those supporting the agreement.

Sir James Gets Angry.

It was 6 o'clock when Hon. Mr. MacKay concluded his address, and Sir James did not choose to go on then. But in moving the adjournment of the debate he made a bitter attack upon the Liberal leader.

"I repudiate and resent," he declared warmly, "on behalf of members on both sides of the House, the suggestion in the concluding paragraph of this amendment that Canadian loyalty is purchasable by Great Britain and salable to the United States in exchange for tariff concessions." He angrily "congratulated" the Opposition members for being the followers of the "only man in British North America who had so far dared to suggest that the loyalty of Canada was purchasable."

With this parting shot the Prime Minister gathered up his papers and left the Chamber. Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. Dr. Reaume and a number of other Government members, however, remained to congratulate Hon. Mr. MacKay upon his speech.

The Conservative Volte-face.

The Liberal leader went thorough-

A STRIKING AMENDMENT

At the conclusion of his speech in the Ontario Legislature yesterday, Hon. A. G. MacKay, the leader of the Liberal Opposition, moved the following amendment to the resolution of Sir James Whitney, the Premier, opposing reciprocity:—

"That all the words in the motion after the first word 'that' be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"(a) That as a result of the policy which has been pursued by the Administration of the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the development of her trade resources and transportation facilities Canada is now enjoying a period of unexampled prosperity; her trade is expanding in all directions; her population is rapidly increasing; her ability to work out her own destiny as a part of the British Empire is beyond dispute, and her people are prosperous and contented.

"(b) That in the latest achievement of trade policy, when consummated, the Administration of the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will have attained the objective of all Canadian statesmen since 1866, and will open to the producers of the natural products of Canada a vast and lucrative market, at their doors, without injury to any Canadian interest whatsoever.

"(c) That Canada is, and for a long time will continue to be, an agricultural country, producing a large surplus of food products which must find a foreign market, and the free entrance of such food products into the United States will result in a very material increase in the income of the farmers of Canada (who are the largest and most important class in the country), with a corresponding increase in the value of their farm lands and betterment in their condition of life.

"(d) That the trade agreement which will achieve these results will in nowise restrict the freedom of Canada to make what arrangements in tariff matters she may desire with Great Britain or other countries, or to alter or vary the agreement with the United States at her pleasure.

"(e) That the proposed trade agreement with the United States for reciprocity in natural products is a measure heartily to be approved as tending to increase the prosperity and contentment of all the people of Canada; to attract to our vacant lands the best class of settlers; to increase the carrying trade of our railways; to build up a great paper manufacturing industry in Canada, and, by cementing peace and concord between the two great English-speaking nations of the world, to do a great service to the British Empire as a whole, and thereby make the position and influence of Canada as a component part of the Empire more assured.

"And this House most earnestly deprecates the expression of views that the loyalty of Canada is a purchasable quantity, only to be retained by Great Britain by paying the price of a complete change of her fiscal policy, and salable to the United States in exchange for tariff concessions, brands such expressions as those of traitors to their King and country, and reaffirms that by blood, by association, by the great heritage of language, literature, religion, social and political ideals, and by freedom slowly broadening down from precedent to precedent, the people of Canada are unitedly, wholeheartedly and indissolubly devoted to British institutions, to the British Empire, and to the Throne and person of our Most Gracious Sovereign."