

From the Point of View of the Method of Approach.

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I deal for the moment only with the method of approach, and shall quote only such passages as serve to illustrate that method. I shall come next to the proposals themselves. Canada's Prime Minister starts off without any reference to other governments represented at the conference or to their policies. Other governments and their policies are apparently to be wholly ignored. Only the government of Canada and its fiscal policy are to be considered. No reference is made to any Prime Minister present other than the Prime Minister of Canada, who introduces himself as the great "I am". Here are his pleasing words of introduction:-

"Before offering to this Conference the plan which, once effective, will in my opinion make for greater prosperity in all parts of the Empire, I shall briefly state the fiscal policy of the Canadian administration, of which I am the head."

He then proceeds, not in the name of Canada, or of the people of Canada, or even of the government of Canada, but in that of the Conservative Party of Canada:

"The Conservative Party of Canada believes in, and employs, the principle of protection of the home producer of agricultural and fabricated products from

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