

conomic relationship is to be made, it must be made without undue delay....."

Here the suggestion is made to the conference, "if it approved the principle, to constitute such committees as may, with the greatest expedition and thoroughness, consider the various questions incident to the operation".

The Prime Minister adds:

"I am satisfied that whatever modifications in the general plan Canada may have to suggest will be ready for submission within a period of six months. I assume that you are all capable of a like measure of expedition."

Then follows an invitation to the Conference to meet at Ottawa early this year —

and the following as a final word of warning:-

"I have said that the time is now at hand when the doctrine of closer Empire economic association must be embraced, if we would not have it slip forever beyond our powers of recall. Once gone it were vain to suppose that lesser existing Empire agreements will long outlive it, and, that being so, the day will come

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