

As Mr. Snowden
said in the
House of Commons
- The Canadian
Prime Minister
had prepared
for his Imperial
Conference some
weeks before he
arrived. I do
not recall the
exact quotation.
It will be in
the British
Hansard. But
his reference was
obviously intended
to be caustic.
I suppose you have
read the Conference
debate in the
British House.
Snowden's speech
was particularly
effective.

against Britain.

It appeared at the time, and indeed, subsequent events have helped to confirm the suspicion, that the present Prime Minister was endeavouring to make impossible, in advance, any agreement which ^{might lead} to closer trade relations between this country and the British Isles. Whether that was done with a view to helping to prejudice in the minds of the British electorate the Government at present in office in Great Britain, or with the object merely of helping the interests in Canada which were to be specially favoured by the legislation, is a question. Possibly both objectives were in mind. Such a course of proceeding could certainly not have been pursued with any idea of making easy the path of negotiation between the Canadian and British Governments.

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