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Taking sides in politics as well as interfering.

Prime Minister's attitude alleged conspiracy to help  
Conservative Party.

Ill-directed efforts helped to defeat themselves.

Personal view - National economic unit idea  
Empire economic unit idea.

Ferguson in London vs Stevens in Canada.

Interference in British politics -  
not going to Britain to sell wheat -  
to tell British how they must sell their own goods.

Exhibit 5HCircumstances which lend colour to belief of taking sides:

- (1) Proposal known to be incapable of acceptance.
- (2) Radio broadcast appeal to the people.
- (3) Attitude of section of Conservative press and speakers.

Interference in Domestic Affairs would Shatter Empire.

Interference in affairs a form of coercion:

- (1) Military,
- (2) Legislative enactment,
- (3) Economic.

Proposals placed within category economic coercion by Lord Passfield -

Exhibit 5I

Outcome of Prime Minister's action wrecked Conference  
and opportunity of Canada to sell wheat in Britain.

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