

Re: QUOTA.

(Mr. MacDonald) "The quota is practical politics, perhaps, for wheat, it is absolutely useless in the case of other articles such as eggs, bacon, poultry and canned fish or fruit. . . . If the Government had been ready to accept the Dominion's offer, even if it had been ready to accept the quota for wheat, was faced with the prospect of having to put a tax on other articles. The Government resisted the offer, and, in resisting the offer to impose taxation upon these things, they were carrying out the mandate given to them by 5,000,000 people in this country who voted with the Liberal party. The Government were also ~~fulfilling~~ fulfilling the mandate which was given by 8,500,000 who voted for the Conservatives, because that party was pledged at the last election not to put taxation upon foodstuffs coming into the country."

(NOTE: "Other methods of getting preferences: the quota system, the system of import ~~boards~~^{boards}, the system of bulk purchases by syndicates of private merchants and boards, or else by the Government themselves taking action in importing these things in bulk.")