

Our exports of manufactures per head of the population double those of Germany. The trade of this year is a record.

"Again we may say that in Canada manufacturers could not have been established and could not now be maintained without protection. The employment they give is necessary in all highly civilized countries. Many can work in urban industries who are physically unfit for the farm and the forest. Again we may say that for every part of an Empire on which the sun never sets the same tariff cannot be equally advantageous to all. The difficulties of framing a common tariff were keenly felt in Australia on the first constitution of the Commonwealth. It took a whole year, and many an all-night sitting to frame a tariff deemed to be in some degree fair to all the states of Australia. A yet greater difficulty must be experienced framing a tariff for the whole Empire.

"As regards future action, we see now dimly the probable future course of affairs. Sooner or later a change of Government will come in the Old Country. I do not advocate a change. I am a faithful supporter of Mr. Asquith. It must be accepted that no ministry can stand for ever. When the change comes Mr. Balfour will assemble around the table accredited delegates from all parts of the Empire. The doors will be closed and they will deliberate with that same commonsense which is the especial faculty of the British people. All that is possible will be done.