

cedent, and the conflict of interests which would be raised, would be more likely to disintegrate than to consolidate the Empire.

The late Lord Goschen once implored us not to gamble with the food of our people. I most anxiously hope that we shall not gamble with the Commerce of the country. I trust, however, and fully believe that the sagacity and common sense of our countrymen will retain and maintain our system of Free Trade, under which our Commerce has attained a magnitude and prosperity unsurpassed and unexampled in the history of the world.