

Another method adopted by the Tories to minimize the British Preference has been a studied effort to suggest that the extensions of the Preference in the present budget are of no substantial advantage to Great Britain. The Conservative attacks on the Budget have received their own answer in the British press irrespective of Party affiliations.

The Manchester Guardian - Liberal - May 6, 1930:

"The Manchester Guardian describes the Canadian budget as a gesture, the generosity of which everyone in this country must appreciate."

The Morning Post - Conservative - May 12, 1930:

"The Dominion of Canada has taken another step along the line of their traditional policy of giving preference to imperial trade, and since changes in the tariff cannot fail to benefit the Mother Country our first impulse is to express the gratitude which we are certain the British public feels."

The Daily Express - Conservative - May 2, 1930:

"The Dunning budget constitutes the greatest advance in imperial relations we have seen since the war."

The London Times - Conservative - May 6, 1930:

"The advantages offered by Canada to British industry are offered without any bargaining or corresponding concessions, and the spirit which prompted them will be appreciated as much as their actual economic effect in helping British trade at a time when help is badly needed."

J. L. Garvin, in The London Observer:

"The Canadian budget is one of those rare strokes of policy which illuminate the realities of Empire. Like Laurier's introduction of preference a generation ago, it is a message from overseas telling us that the idea of welding isolated communities of the British Commonwealth into a more organic whole is not ours alone."

Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain - Canadian Press cable, May 26th, 1930:

"I have always been in favour of empire trade," said Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald here tonight, during a visit to his constituency of Seaham. "Canada's last budget," declared the Prime Minister, "is an example of how the Dominions can and will help."

The Times Trade Supplement - May 10, 1930:

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Dunning's budget in the Canadian Parliament is the most important preparatory step that has been taken by any Government since the Imperial Conference of 1926 towards the ideal of closer Imperial economic co-operation. This is only in part due to the substantial increases of preference afforded to British goods; perhaps more important still is Mr. Dunning's declaration that the budget statement represents the spirit in which Canada will approach the coming Imperial Conference."