

4. Interference in British Politics - Change in Fiscal System.

Proposals a demand or threat to change policy -
positive attempt by one part of Empire to interfere in
domestic affairs in another.

Ignores character of British Empire and autonomy of parts. Exhibit 5J

Newcastle - Galt correspondence. Exhibit 5K

Resentment in Britain at interference.

Blasting with a vengeance.

The situation reversed reveals reaction.

Conference impossible if interference permitted.

Example of previous Premiers:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier
Sir Robert Borden

Exhibit 5L

The Conference of 1923:

Negotiations re possible preference.
Desire for preference on wheat.

Canada's position set forth in debate -
Hansard March 18, 1924.

Exhibit 5M

Government that proposed preference in 1923 defeated at
election of 1929. Same government declared there
would be no tax on food.

Attitude towards United States on fiscal matters.

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

Speeches-1922 - 1932

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