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Conference to subscribe to the principle before any more minute examination took place. We never did manage to subscribe to the principle. . . . Because, remember what Mr. Bennett's principle was. It was not the principle of preference that many guileless people have supposed. It was not even the principle of extending that preference to every Customs Duty that was in existence, or might be brought into existence. It was that a new Customs Duty should be put upon foodstuffs imported into this country, and this country only, or only that this country/should be required to put a substantial Customs Duty upon foodstuffs, and especially upon wheat in order to give a substantial preference to the Dominions in respect of all those things. All that was included in Mr. Bennett's principle, and will be found as a part of his speech which has been reported verbatim."

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