Already protests are forthcoming in Britain of interference in freedom of British parliament in fiscal policy and taxation.

We will be in same position here.

Will have to take agreements as they are.

" agree to their provisions for 5 years.

Will be in even worse position if this constituency supported Government; would be told the "people had already approved".

A very great and grave danger.

If we are to determine by economic pressure, political or otherwise, what is to be done in Britain, how can we take exception to Britain telling us what we are to do.

Already we have had a little too much said on the part of members of government in other parts of Empire with respect to matters which are essentially of domestic policy and our own affairs.

This interference will work disruption.

Asserted Conference has made for unity of Empire, that it has created new tie - that legal tie went with Conference of 1926 nothing left.

The basis of unity is freedom - not restraint.

The new tie in the nature not of greater freedom but of lesser freedom - fiscal freedom restricted - taxation at instance of other parts of Empire.

Conference has led to imposition of taxes on good of people in Britain.

Preferences gained only by bargain - lower tariff in Canada for higher tariff in Britain.

Where is the net gain to lowering of world tariffs?

How can unity of Empire be linked up in this way:

See what is said by Consumers League in England.

People of Canada heretofore have carefully refused to make any proposal involving anything of the kind; if that kind of pressure is to be exerted between different parts of Empire, where is it to end?

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