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has been that of tariff protection which would be in the nature of an imperial Zollverein and which would be to the rest of the world an outward and visible sign of the political as well as the economic unity of the Empire. If, among the purposes of the approaching Imperial Economic Conference, there is anything of the kind in contemplation, this parliament should be apprised of it at once, and we should have ample time to discuss the merits and demerits of any proposal of the kind before assent is given to it by Canadian ministers in the name of Canada.

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