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CANADIAN FACTORIES****Want to Look Over Firms
Capable of Doing Business
With Antipodes.**

Senator Wilson of the Australian government and Major Oakley, of the tariff board, who have come to Ottawa in connection with negotiations for a reciprocal treaty left last night for Toronto where the senator will address the Empire Club today and will spend the rest of the week visiting factories which do or are capable of doing business with Australia. Places to be visited include Toronto, Oshawa, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and Windsor.

The delegation will return to Ottawa on Tuesday and get down to business after the more or less preliminary character of their interviews, so far Major Oakley was in conference yesterday afternoon with tariff officers of the government.

In an interview, Senator Wilson made it clear that his mission is of a ministerial character. "I have authority to negotiate for, but naturally not to conclude, any definite arrangement until my government is consulted," he said. "Of course anything agreed would need ratification by the two parliaments."

As to the prospects of an agreement and Australia's probable attitude to what is intimated as Canada's proposal—an exchange of preferences—Senator Martin was not prepared to comment.

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