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The
CHAMBERLAIN PROPOSALS

FROM A CANADIAN POINT OF VIEW.

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It is because we are Imperialists, and not because we are Free Traders, that we oppose Mr. Chamberlain, and urge the nation to reject his advice. It is because we desire with all our heart and with all our strength the welfare of this Imperial realm, because we long to see the Empire grow in might and security, and to behold the daughter nations of the Empire oversea free and prosperous, and the motherland also free and prosperous, that we would warn the British people to avoid "this poisonous plant whose touch is death."

Mr. Chamberlain's proposals should be considered not so much on economic as on Imperial grounds. They are essentially disruptive, though they are so well meant and have about them so specious an air of unity. Adopt them, and we shall find that instead of uniting the Empire we have shaken it to its foundations. Reject them, and let the Empire go forward on the old lines of liberty and Free Trade, and the Empire may face her future without fear. To say that the Empire cannot exist as now, we will not say on sentiment for it is a word much misused, but on the feeling of race loyalty and of a common ideal, is to misread history.

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