

Will he say that no effort will be made to have all the nations of the British Empire reduce their tariffs by 3% as between themselves, *or to have tariffs to other countries of 3% = necessary 10% in some* leaving a tariff wall around the whole of the British Empire of 3%, plus such additional tariffs as may form part of the general schedule? Will he say that at the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference no effort will be made to have the monies raised from this 3% excise or tariff thus extended to all parts of the Empire made into an Empire development fund for the alleged purpose of promoting trade within the Empire? And will he say that, at the forthcoming Conference, no effort will be made to set up some permanent machinery of a centralized type for the purpose of promoting similar policies in all parts of the Empire with respect to trade?

If he says that no such thought is in his mind or that of the present ministry, then I will say that his view differs from the intention of many another who has spoken and written on the subject of imperial unity, both political and economic, for, by one means or another, this has been the sort of thing that has been attempted at different imperial conferences off and on ever since the conferences themselves were instituted. At one time it has been a fund for defence purposes. At another time it has been a fund for imperial organization. At another time it has been a fund for marketing within the Empire, and at another time for trade development within the Empire. Different means have been suggested for raising the monies necessary for a purpose of the kind, but the method which has been most favoured