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This sweeping away of tariff preferences to Britain, the preferences granted under the Dunning budget in particular, is the more extraordinary in view of what my right honourable friend said with respect to these preferences when speaking on the budget. His words will be found in Hansard, May 6th, on page 1833. They are as follows:-

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to our position with respect to British preference, I wish to say the following: As an earnest of our affection and good-will, as an expression of the hope we all have that some day a closer economic alliance of empire states may find being, I commend the measures for British preference which the minister proposes."

This was before the campaign had begun and my right honourable friend had had his protectionist friends into conference. We heard very little of "affection and good-will" in relation to Britain during or at the conclusion of the campaign.

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