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RECIPROCAL TRADE PREFERENCES WITHIN
THE EMPIRE

(By the Empire Development Union)

London, January 22.- In view of the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference in London, it is desirable that we should review our present Imperial trade relations, and consider what can be accomplished by Great Britain in the immediate future to strengthen them reciprocally.

At the Imperial War Conference of 1917 a resolution on Preference was unanimously adopted by representatives of all the Empire, including Great Britain. That resolution is as follows:-

The time has arrived when all possible encouragement should be given to the development of Imperial resources, and especially to making the Empire independent of other countries in respect of food supplies, raw materials, and essential industries. With these objects in view this Conference expresses itself in favour of:-

(1) The principle that each part of the Empire, having due regard to the interests of our Allies, should give specially favourable treatment and facilities to the produce and manufactures of other parts of the Empire.

(2) Arrangements by which intending emigrants from the United Kingdom may be induced to settle in countries under the British flag.

During the last twenty-five years the Dominions have generously given a substantial preference to many groups of articles from the United Kingdom. A beginning has been made by the United Kingdom in giving practical effect to the policy of these two conference resolutions. *

Preference in respect to duties imposed ^{are} now given

(1) on the schedule of duties imposed by the Asquith Government in 1915 (2) revenue duties included in the Budget of 1919 and subsequent years (3) in respect to articles subject to a duty of 33-1/3 per cent, under part 1 of the Safeguarding of Industries Act. A preference,

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