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(1) The duty on "other dried fruit" is proposed to be levied on "such fruit, e.g., apples, pears, and peaches, as the Dominion representatives may consider of interest to their trade." The dried fruits suggested, in addition to those already included, appear to comprise those in which our producers are chiefly interested.

(2) As to tobacco, two alternative proposals are made, stabilization of the existing duty over a term of years, or an increase of the preference from one-sixth to one-fourth. An increase of the preference would in our belief, present most in the way of advantage to the producers of tobacco in Canada. As to the course which the British Government and Parliament should follow, we would not venture to express an opinion.

More important are the general issues raised in the statements made by yourself in your presentation of the present proposals, and by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I may quote from the statement made by the Chancellor:

"Would you tell us whether what we have proposed is going to help you, whether our proposals can in any way be improved, and if so, in what direction. That does not bind us to accept any suggestions that you make to us, any more than you are bound to accept any suggestions we may put to you as to what we might desire by way of