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"Projects other than the one I propose have been placed before you. They have been carefully canvassed by our delegation, and while we would avoid anything which might savour of premature condemnation, we are constrained to state that none of them can be accepted by Canada as an alternative at all likely to achieve the propose we have in mind."

"Until this principle is accepted, it will be profitless to accept the application of it in any great detail. . . . Consistent with the fullest inquiry into the application of the principle of an Empire preference, our deliberations must be governed by the time factor. If this change in our economic relationship is to be made, it must be made without undue delay. . . . I have said that the time is now at hand when the doctrine of closer Empire economic association must be embraced if we would not have it slip forever beyond our powers of recall. Once gone, it were vain to suppose that lesser existing Empire agreements will long outlive it, and that being so, the day will come when we must fight in the markets of the Empire the countries of the world shorne of that advantage which it should be in our individual interests to secure and maintain."

"To me that is unthinkable, and I appeal to the national representatives here assembled in conference to forget each one those prejudices which forbid the realization of that empire plan by which we all may advance to a greater prosperity.

"I await your decision with confidence."

It never seems to have occurred to Mr. Bennett that in that great gathering, representative of all parts of the British Empire, he was the only one exempt from prejudice in any particular, the only one who had no prejudices to forget, not even those which may be associated with higher protection.

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