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Joseph Chamberlain's View of the Preference in relation to Bargaining.

Let me give one further quotation. The Prime Minister is, without doubt, a great admirer of the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. No doubt he sees himself as a second Joe Chamberlain, the Joe Chamberlain of the Dominions of today. Until the exact measure of his proposals was taken in Britain, he was so hailed over there by a section of the Conservative party. How would the late Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain have regarded the proposals of the Canadian Prime Minister at the recent Conference? To answer this question it is not necessary to rely on conjecture. Let me quote from Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the Conference of 1902:

The very valuable experience which we have derived from the history of the Canadian tariff shows that, while we may most readily and most gratefully accept from you any preference which you may be willing voluntarily to accord to us, we cannot bargain with you for it, we cannot pay you for it, unless you go much further and enable us to enter your home market on terms of greater equality..... So long as a preferential tariff, even a munificent preference, is still sufficiently protective to exclude us altogether, or nearly so, from your markets, it is no satisfaction to us that you have imposed even greater disability upon the same goods if they come from foreign markets."

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