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2. The Prime Minister's Offer.

Examination of: Offer peremptory Exhibit 5C
" of a preference

- (1) proposed increases in tariff
- (2) Basis of offer
- (3) Principle of preference to be first approved.

Exhibit 5D

Offer ambiguous in all its terms - an impossible offer.

- (1) Ambiguity as to what is meant by 10% increase.
- (2) " " " " " " " adequate protection.
- (3) " " " " " " " "preference".

Examination of each.

Offer resulted in confusion as to principle of preference and its rejection.

Offer an affront to British Government -
Ramsay MacDonald - Tax wheat "we cannot do it".
Prevented other things being considered.

Alleged common demand by Premiers of Dominions.

British Government's understanding of the proposals -
Lord Passfield's summary - Exhibit 5E

The nature of the bargain - humbug.

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