

to the hard fierce struggle for existence which prevails in many countries.

In short, our policy firmly endeavors to preserve for our producers the advantage of the home market; and strongly maintains that the labor necessary to convert our natural resources into products suitable for the use and convenience of the people, should as far as possible be performed in Canada, and not in foreign countries; so that our own working men, not those of other countries, may find employment at that work. We therefore stand for

A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles and commodities that can be advantageously manufactured or produced from or by means of our natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

The Conservative party has always stood and still stands for a policy of preferential trade within the Empire. The attitude of the present Government has been almost purely negative. There has been a half-hearted reaffirmation of desire for better trade relations with the mother country based on preferences given and received; but the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture have repeatedly assured the British public that the people of Canada have no desire for a preference in the markets of Great Britain. It is not by such means nor by such attitude that we can expect success. The recent change of government in the British Islands has been regarded as the postponement of all hope that this great imperial scheme propounded by a far-seeing and patriotic imperial statesman can be consummated in the early future. It is nevertheless true that the British Government was returned to power not upon that issue, but upon a dozen issues which had various effects in different constituencies throughout the British Islands. The cause of mutual preferential trade received a great stimulus, not from the Prime Minister of Canada, but by the efforts of Australian, New Zealand and South African representatives at the recent Colonial Conference. The Canadian representatives adopted a policy of comparative indifference. Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, with the exception of the Transvaal, urged upon the British people the infinite importance of cementing together the British Islands and the great