

## AFTER WAR TRADE POLICY.

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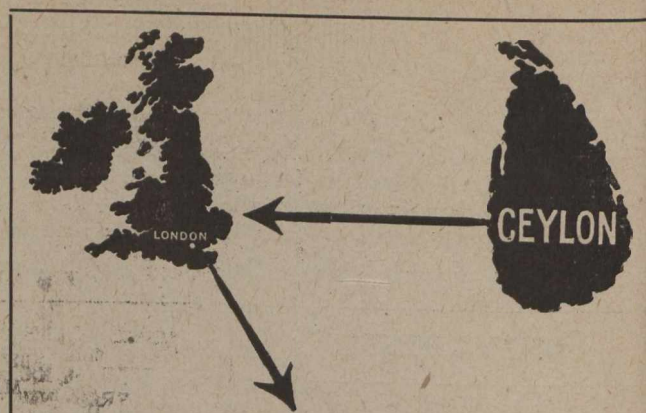
**P**REPARATORY, no doubt, to the coming Imperial Conference, an interim report of Lord Balfour's committee on After War Trade Policy, appointed last summer to consider the conclusions of the Paris Economic Conference, has been submitted to the Government. The "Times" says that the Committee recommends "the adoption of Imperial preference as the foundation on which should be reared our world economic policy of the future." Since the Committee contains several members reputed to be staunch Free Traders, it can hardly have reached so momentous a decision with unanimity. It is, however, credibly reported that the Government has already under favorable consideration a proposal in the same direction, designed for submission to the Imperial Conference. Our new Protectionists, Tory and ex-Liberal, are no doubt well advised, as a mere matter of tactics, in making their first movement towards a tariff along lines of an appeal to imperial unity in economic defence. Mr. George, as the "Morning Post" reminds its readers, betrayed even in the Imperial Conference of 1907, a strong leaning towards this policy. It will appeal to ex-Liberals as a "Conservation of the resources of the Empire." How does it appeal to France and our Allies? And what right has the Government thus to reverse, without the pretence of a mandate, the policy overwhelmingly endorsed in 1906?

## THE RACE AND CREED QUESTION.

"Loyalty" is the one word in the English language which the Conservative Party hold dear. It has done yeomanry service for them in the past and at the present moment this word is being groomed and polished and made ready for another campaign. As a matter of fact the word loyalty to the Conservative Party carries two meanings. "Loyalty" as applied to them, "disloyal" when applied to Liberals.

The following quotations are taken from some bulletins issued on March 26th, 1916, from the Conservative headquarters in Ottawa.

**"The agitation against conscription comes from the Province that has sent the**



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fewest men to the war."

"A vote for Laurier at the next election will be a vote for the foreigners of the West and the shirkers in the Province of Quebec."

"The Liberal party, if elected to office to-morrow, would be dependent for its life upon the support of Austrians and Germans in the West, shirkers who want to avoid conscription in the rest of Canada, and Nationalists in the Province of Quebec; and its war policy would necessarily be influenced accordingly. To such a danger, this country must be aroused."

It will be noted from the above that the Conservatives are including in the disloyal party, not only the Liberals but a class of people they term "foreigners." Who these people are we are at a loss to know, but the fact remains that there is an effort being made to-day, on the part of the Conservative Party to stir up strife throughout the Dominion in regard to the race and creed question.

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