



economic and trade-oriented. Fortunately, the Department, whose officers included several trained economists, was in a position to play a supportive role. This was particularly evident during the 1932 Ottawa Imperial Economic Conference, which tried to revive trade among the members of the British Empire, and in bilateral trade talks with the United States later in the decade.



¹⁹ Prime Minister Bennett, shown here with U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, visited Washington in April 1933 to discuss bilateral economic issues. (Source: Library and Archives Canada, C-000198)

²⁰ Prime Minister Bennett is pictured here in the Privy Council Chamber speaking on the telephone to Sir George Perley, who was attending the British Empire Trade Fair in Argentina. (Source: Library and Archives Canada, PA-188949)