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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBB

Respecting Special or Dumping Duty

on Certain Goods on which the United States is proposing to Increase its Customs Tariff

My opinion is that no change should be made in the legislation respecting the special or dumping duty without very careful consideration. It appears to me that the matter will adjust itself, with the result that if the United States increases the duties in accordance with its proposals the consumers of that country will have to pay the additional duty themselves on most of the articles concerned.

If a change was contemplated, I know of nothing more effective than the resolution that was contained in the budget speech of March 24, 1925:

Resolved, That the first paragraph of subsection one of section six of the Customs Tariff, 1907, and subsection seven of said section six be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

In the case of articles exported to Canada of a class or kind made or produced in Canada, if the export or actual selling price to an importer in Canada is less than the value thereof for customs entry, there shall, in addition to the duties otherwise established, be levied, collected and paid on such article, on its importation into Canada, a special duty (or dumping duty) equal to the difference between the said selling price of the articles for export and the said value thereof for customs entry; and such special duty (or dumping

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