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Results of Canada's Representation at the Conference.

Conference a failure - P.M. said as much but blamed Br. Gov't.

In nature of quarrel from outset - planned as such
ultimatum
impossible proposal
take it or leave it attitude
blast on eve of departure
- declaration of non-
Exhibit 5A

Desire to create an impasse
Revives view of purpose to destroy present Gov't.

Macdonald Government and India Round Table Conference - a contrast.

Resentment created.
Contrast feeling Dunning budget versus this.
Feeling interrupted by Ferguson's statements:
(1) Not going to sell wheat
(2) Marketing of Empire goods.

Canada's prestige lower.

Canada lost for time being change to expand market.

Relations between present governments strained.

Canada's present gov't under suspicion.

Relations between several nations of Commonwealth more difficult.

Canada's rivals in British market gained strong position.

Argentina - compare (1) if Dunning budget carried
(2) what witnessed in other ways.

Russia - Bennett's action.

Canada unable to negotiate trade agreement with any government unless
position changed.

Ottawa Conference doomed unless policies changed.

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