

Mr. Bennett's Method of Approach

What is to be done is to be done here and now, according to Mr. Bennett. His view alone is the one to be accepted and he would be the one to await the decision of others, that decision being only their acceptance of his view, not any modification of his view to conform with a view more generally acceptable to others.

To this is added the note of take it or leave it. I am here to tell you how and how only the British Empire can be held together and if you do not accept my view then I tell you that the Empire will be rent asunder and you who belong to it will be left fighting with foreign countries in the markets of the world.

John Bull must have trembled in his shoes when he thought of what was awaiting him if he did not immediately toe the scratch in the presence of this heretofore undiscovered omnipotence. Let me read from Mr. Bennett's remarks at the Conference:

"The policy of the Conservative Party has come to be known as the policy of 'Canada First'. In approaching the economic problems of our Empire, I stand four-square behind that policy. And if this Conference is to meet these problems and provide an effective solution of them, it seems to me that my attitude towards my own country will be the attitude of you all towards yours. On no other basis can we hope to effect an enduring agreement of benefit to each one of us....."