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harmful interference by world competitors.....

Note those words 'the principle of protection'.

"This 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.....

"The primary concern of Canada today is profitably to sell its wheat. We believe that we shall be reaching towards a solution of that problem if we can establish a better market in Great Britain. This market we want, and for it we are willing to pay by giving in the Canadian market a preference for British goods...

"And so, I propose that we of the British Empire, in our joint and several interests, do subscribe to the principle of an Empire preference, and that we take, without delay, the steps necessary to put it into effective operation."

Note those words, "the principle of <sup>an</sup> ~~our~~ Empire preference".

"First, we must approve or reject the principle. I put the question definitely to you, and definitely it should be answered. There is here no room for compromise,

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