

## VII—PROMOTION OF TRADE WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH

## A—Report of Committee

The meeting of Heads of Delegations, held on July 22nd, set up a Committee on the Promotion of Trade within the Commonwealth to consider the following matters on the provisional agenda of the Conference:

“Examination of aspects of general trade and tariff policy and administration affecting Empire trade, including, *inter alia*, the following subjects:

- (a) Recognition of the principle of reciprocal tariff preferences within the Commonwealth;
- (b) General application of existing and future tariff preferences within the Commonwealth;
- (c) Extension to other parts of the Commonwealth of tariff advantages accorded foreign countries;
- (d) Determination of percentage of ‘Empire Content’ necessary to secure preferential tariff treatment;
- (e) Export bounties and anti-dumping duties within the Commonwealth.”

The Committee was constituted as follows:

The Right Hon. The Viscount Hailsham, Secretary of State for War in the United Kingdom. (Chairman.)

## CANADA

The Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., Minister without portfolio.

The Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, K.C., M.P., Minister of Finance.

The Hon. H. H. Stevens, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, M.C., M.P., Minister of Railways and Canals.

The Hon. C. H. Cahan, K.C., M.P., Secretary of State of Canada.

The Hon. Robert Weir, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.

## UNITED KINGDOM

The Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Lord President of the Council.

The Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

The Right Hon. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, G.B.E., M.C., M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Right Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Board of Trade.

The Right Hon. Sir John Gilmour, Bt., D.S.O., M.P., Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

## AUSTRALIA

The Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, C.H., M.C., M.P., Minister without portfolio.

The Hon. H. S. Gullett, M.P., Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

## NEW ZEALAND

The Right Hon. J. G. Coates, M.C., Minister of Public Works, Transport and Employment.

The Hon. W. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance and Customs, etc.

## UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Hon. N. C. Havenga, M.P., Minister of Finance.

The Hon. P. G. W. Grobler, M.P., Minister of Lands.

The Hon. A. P. J. Fourie, M.P., Minister of Mines and Industries.