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IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, OTTAWA, 1932.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

WE, the representatives of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, hereby agree with one another, on behalf of our respective Governments, as follows:—

Article 1.—His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom undertake that Orders shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, which will ensure the continuance after the 15th November, 1932, of entry free of duty into the United Kingdom of New Zealand goods and the goods of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa which comply with the laws and statutory regulations for the time being in force affecting the grant of Imperial preference and which by virtue of that Act are now free of duty, subject, however, to the reservations set forth in Schedule A appended hereto.

Article 2.—His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will invite Parliament to pass the legislation necessary to impose on the foreign goods specified in Schedule B appended hereto the duties of Customs shown in that Schedule in place of the duties (if any) now leviable.

Article 3.—His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom undertake that the general *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent. imposed by section 1 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, on the foreign goods specified in Schedule C shall not be reduced, except with the consent of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.

Article 4.—In regard to frozen mutton, lamb, and beef, the understanding between the Governments concerned is set out in the letter dated the 19th August, 1932, addressed by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, M.P., to the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.

Article 5.—His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will invite the Governments of the non-self-governing colonies and protectorates to accord to New Zealand any preference which may for the time being be accorded to any other part of the British Empire: Provided that this Article shall not extend to any preferences accorded by Northern Rhodesia to the Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, and the Territories of the South African High Commission by virtue of the Customs Agreement of 1930.

Article 6.—His Majesty's Government in New Zealand will invite Parliament to pass the legislation necessary to substitute for the duties of Customs now leviable on the United Kingdom goods specified in Schedule D the duties shown in that Schedule, and to exempt all United Kingdom goods from the application of the surtax of nine-fortieths or one-twentieth of the Customs duty, as the case may be.