

## INTRA-IMPERIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS.

The following Trade Agreements were signed at the closing session of the Conference:—

- I. United Kingdom-Australia.
- II. United Kingdom-Union of South Africa.
- III. United Kingdom-New Zealand.
- IV. United Kingdom-India.
- V. United Kingdom-Newfoundland.
- VI. United Kingdom-Southern Rhodesia.
- VII. United Kingdom-Canada.
- VIII. Canada-Irish Free State.
- IX. Canada-Union of South Africa.
- X. Canada-Southern Rhodesia.
- XI. Union of South Africa-Irish Free State.

**The United Kingdom-Canada Agreement.**—The most important of these Agreements, from the Canadian point of view, is that between the United Kingdom and Canada. It may be summarized as follows:—

*Article 1.*—By this the free entry of Canadian products into the United Kingdom under the Import Duties Act of 1932 is continued after Nov. 15, 1932, when it otherwise would have lapsed. This is subject, however, to the following reservation: "As regards eggs, poultry, butter, cheese and other milk products, free entry for Canadian produce will be continued for three years certain. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, however, reserve to themselves the right, after the expiration of the three years, if they consider it necessary in the interest of the United Kingdom producer to do so, to review the basis of preference so far as relates to the articles above enumerated and, after notifying His Majesty's Government in Canada, either to impose a preferential duty on Canadian produce whilst maintaining preferential margins, or in consultation with the Canadian Government to bring such produce within any system which may be put into operation for the quantitative regulation of supplies from all sources in the United Kingdom market".

*Article 2.*—Provides for the imposition by the United Kingdom of the following duties on foreign goods in place of the duties, if any, previously levied:—

"Wheat in grain.....	2/- per quarter.
Butter.....	15/-per cwt.
Cheese.....	15 p.c. <i>ad valorem</i> .
Apples, raw (excluding apples consigned direct to a registered cider manufacturer for use in making cider).....	4/6d. per cwt.
Pears, raw.....	4/6d. per cwt.
Apples, canned.....	3/6d. per cwt. in addition to the duty in respect of sugar content.
Dried fruits, now dutiable at 7/-.....	10/6 d. per cwt.
Eggs in shell:—	
(a) Not exceeding 14 lbs. in weight per great hundred.....	1/- per great hundred.
(b) Over 14 lbs., but not exceeding 17 lbs. ....	1/6d.       "
(c) Over 17 lbs.....	1/9d.       "
Condensed milk, whole, sweetened.....	5/- per cwt. in addition to duty in respect of sugar content.
Copper, unwrought, whether refined or not, in ingots, bars, blocks, slabs, cakes, and rods.....	2d. per lb.

*Article 3.*—The United Kingdom undertakes that the general *ad valorem* duty of 10 p.c. imposed by the Import Duties Act of 1932 on the foreign goods specified below shall not be reduced except with the consent of the Canadian Government:—