

Ninth Day.

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PREFERENTIAL
TRADE.

(Mr. Deakin.)

centre. All of these are sustained by the sentiment of unity in which we begin and end—the inexpressibly valuable inspiration, allied to the deepest forces within us, upon whose propelling power this nation, this Empire depends and must always depend, and which will decide its destiny.

As I have occupied a considerable time in dealing with the Australian view, perhaps my colleague, in whose special department trade lies, might be allowed to speak at a later stage when other members have addressed the Conference, so that Australia may not monopolise too much time.

CHAIRMAN: Would you prefer that, Sir William?

Sir WILLIAM LYNE: Yes, I would prefer that.

Mr. DEAKIN: I will hand in, as an illustration of my argument as to our opportunities of preferential trade with the Mother Country, two tables, analysing a year's imports. The first is headed "Produce other than wool which Australia could supply," and shows that we supply 10,000,000*l.*, British Possessions 41,000,000*l.*, and foreign countries 159,000,000*l.*, total 211,000,000*l.* The other shows "A year's imports into the United Kingdom of dairy produce, grain, and hay" produced in Australia and other British Possessions, and imported into Great Britain. The total is 38,000,000*l.*, of which only 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ millions come from Australia, and only 7,000,000*l.* more from the other British Possessions.

The tables handed in are as follows:—

A YEAR'S IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF PRODUCE OTHER THAN
WOOL WHICH AUSTRALIA COULD SUPPLY.

1905.

	From Australia.	From Other British Possessions.	From Foreign Countries.	Total Imports.
	£	£	£	£
Butter	2,307,835	2,905,382	16,373,405	21,586,622
Cheese	...	5,007,516	1,332,295	6,339,811
Flour and wheat...	4,291,027	11,110,194	25,923,555	41,324,776
Other grain	8,585	5,031,260	23,790,922	28,830,767
Eggs and poultry	...	173,543	7,638,483	7,812,026
Flax	...	16,400	3,213,742	3,230,142
Fruit	240,506	1,395,604	8,958,470	10,594,580
Skins and hides ...	693,274	2,569,119	6,774,721	10,037,114
Lard	...	630,425	3,062,148	3,692,573
Leather	265,786	2,492,349	4,985,540	7,743,675
*Meat	1,635,160	7,222,842	29,514,113	38,372,115
Olive oil	145,859	1,554,626	1,300,751	3,001,236
Sugar	...	1,264,026	25,503,029	26,767,055
Milk (condensed) ...	...	343	62,299	62,642
Tallow	768,996	458,633	1,141,757	2,369,386
Honey	...	17,442	17,321	34,763
	10,357,028	41,849,704	159,592,551	211,799,283
Wool	10,768,050	9,051,196	4,002,579	23,821,825

* For details see next page.