

The ratification of the draft Convention on seamen's articles of agreement, which was adopted at Geneva by the International Labour Conference at its ninth session, June 7-24, 1926, was deposited on June 30, 1938, and the Convention thereupon came into effect.

The ratification of the draft Convention concerning the marking of the weight on heavy packages transported by vessels, which was adopted at Geneva by the International Labour Conference at its twelfth session, May 30-June 21, 1929, was deposited on June 30, 1938, and the Convention thereupon entered into force.

By Exchanges of Notes at Washington on July 28, 1938, Canada and the United States of America concluded Agreements relating to air navigation, the issuance of certificates of competency or licences for the piloting of civil aircraft, and certificates of airworthiness for export, all of which entered into force on August 1, 1938.

The Commercial Agreement between Canada and New Zealand, which was signed at Ottawa and Wellington on April 23, 1932, modified in November 1935 and September 1937, and extended from year to year until September 30, 1938, was further extended until September 30, 1939, by an Order in Council dated August 25, 1938.

The Convention between Canada and the United States of America providing for the emergency regulation of the level of certain boundary waters in the Rainy Lake Watershed was signed at Ottawa on September 15, 1938.

The Convention of 1936 for the suppression of the illicit traffic in dangerous drugs, and the protocol of signature thereto, which were signed on behalf of Canada on June 26, 1936, were ratified on September 27, 1938.

A Protocol for the amendment of the Preamble, of Articles 1, 4 and 5, and of the Annex of the Covenant of the League of Nations, which was adopted by the nineteenth assembly of the League of Nations on September 30, 1938, was signed on behalf of Canada on October 3, 1938. The protocol provides for the so-called separation of the Covenant from the Treaties of Peace.

The Trade Agreement of February 23, 1937, between Canada and the United Kingdom was modified by an Exchange of Notes effected at Ottawa on November 16, 1938.

The Trade Agreement of 1932 between Canada and the Union of South Africa was modified by an Exchange of Notes effected at Ottawa on November 16, 1938.

The Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States of America was signed at Washington on November 17, 1938, by the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King on behalf of Canada. This Agreement, when ratified, will replace the Trade Agreement signed at Washington on November 15, 1935. The main provisions of the new Agreement will enter into force provisionally on January 1, 1939. The Agreement is to remain in force for a period of three years from the date of its proclamation by the President of the United States and thereafter until the expiry of six months from the date on which a notice of termination is given.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCES

The Imperial Conference on Agricultural Co-operation was held at the Glasgow Empire Exhibition on July 18, 19 and 20, 1938. Dr. William Allen, Agricultural Commissioner stationed in London, represented the Department of Agriculture.

The Imperial Veterinary Conference met in London on August 15, 1938. Dr. E. A. Watson, Chief Animal Pathologist, Department of Agriculture, and Dr. T. W. M. Cameron, Macdonald College, represented Canada at the Conference.