

The Minister for External Affairs of Ireland to the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Dublin, 21st December, 1967.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to the modifications of the Trade Agreement concluded in 1932 between the Governments of Ireland and Canada⁽¹⁾ which have been effected by an exchange of letters signed today, and to say that it is the view of the Government of Ireland that the Agreement would require to be further modified should Ireland accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

I have the honour to inform you that, on the accession of Ireland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the general intention of the Government of Ireland is that the existing proportionate margins of preference accorded to goods of Canadian origin will be maintained. Nevertheless, the Government of Ireland propose that they shall have the right to reduce or eliminate the preferential margins accorded to goods of Canadian origin.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Canada, I have the honour to suggest that this letter and your reply to that effect (to be known as the Third Exchange of Letters) shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in the matter which shall enter into force upon the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

FRANK AIKEN

His Excellency E. W. T. Gill,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada,
Dublin.

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1933 No. 2.