

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MAY 19 AND JULY 14, 1947) BETWEEN
CANADA AND SWITZERLAND EXTENDING TO THE PRINCIPALITY
OF LIECHTENSTEIN THE EFFECTS OF THE TREATY OF
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND SWITZERLAND,
SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1855, AND OF THE ADDITIONAL
CONVENTION OF MARCH 30, 1914.

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*The Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the Minister of Switzerland*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, May 19, 1947.

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EXCELLENCY,

As you are aware the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Reciprocal Establishment between the United Kingdom and Switzerland signed at Berne on September 6, 1855 is applicable to Canada. By virtue of a Convention Additional to this Treaty signed at London on March 30, 1914, further provision was made with regard to the application to certain parts of His Majesty's Dominions, including Canada, of certain stipulations of the treaty relating to the treatment of goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the territories of the one high contracting party in the territories of the other. In particular, this Convention provided that the high contracting parties could terminate Articles 9 and 10 of the Treaty with respect to any or all of the Dominions on giving twelve months' notice to that effect.

In consequence of the Treaty of 1855, the products of Switzerland are granted most-favoured-nation treatment on importation into Canada. However, the products of the Principality of Liechtenstein (which became, under the Treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein of March 29, 1923, an integral part of the Swiss Customs Union) are subject to General Tariff rates on importation into Canada since Canada has not extended the provisions of the Treaty of Friendship of 1855 to Liechtenstein.

The Canadian Government is anxious to extend most-favoured-nation treatment in tariff matters to the Principality of Liechtenstein. To this end, it proposes, if your Government concurs, that this Note and your reply will be regarded as constituting an agreement between Switzerland and Canada to extend, on a basis of reciprocity, the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of the Treaty of Friendship of 1855 and the provisions of the Convention of 1914 to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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*for the Secretary of State,
for External Affairs.*