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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today in Ottawa that Canada will extend most-favoured-nation tariff treatment to Austria with effect from September 7, 1949.

This means that henceforth Austrian products imported into Canada will not be subject to duties or charges higher than those levied on products of third countries. Similarly, Canadian products going into Austria will enjoy treatment equal to that given by Austria to the products of other countries.

Canada's exports to Austria in 1948 amounted to \$3,109,835 and included such items as canned fish and meat, leather and powdered milk. Canadian imports from Austria include such items as textiles, precious stones and scythes.

The new arrangement will not affect any advantages accorded by Canada exclusively to other parts of the Commonwealth.