

should it not prove to be of mutual advantage, can scarcely serve as a pretext for the defeat of the agreement, and can hardly be taken seriously. Had the agreement been made binding on both countries for a period of years, the same persons would have argued that to bind Canada for a term of years to any agreement, especially an agreement with the United States, would be to fetter and shackle the freedom of Canada in the matter of its trade.

(Secure copy of the Act authorizing the United States President to negotiate treaties, and see what the Act contains about the length of time they can be made binding. My impression is the President is given power to make agreements only between certain dates, and agreements only to bind for period of his term of office. Should this be so, something should be said here somewhat as follows).

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