

11,000 schillings per 100 kilos; and a reduction on bookkeeping and calculating machines from 1,400 to 1,000 schillings per 100 kilos. The duty-free entry of tallow for technical purposes was bound.

Benelux

The common customs tariff of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg is not high and many leading Canadian exports to these countries are bound under the GATT either duty-free or at low levels of duty. Nevertheless the negotiations provided a useful opportunity for obtaining concessions which are of interest to Canada. The three Benelux countries offer a substantially open market for Canadian goods, free from exchange and import restrictions.

The following are among the more important concessions, from the Canadian point of view. While lumber is admitted into the Benelux countries duty-free on a temporary basis, the existing legal duty on larger sizes of coniferous lumber was reduced from 10 per cent to 3 per cent, which is also the rate of duty for standard sizes. The duty on a narrow range of odd sizes of coniferous lumber was reduced from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. The legal rate of duty on canned salmon was reduced from 20 per cent to 15 per cent; the existing duty on wood alcohol for the production of formaldehyde was reduced from 18 per cent to 12 per cent, on spark plugs from 12 per cent to 10 per cent and on parts of calculating and bookkeeping machines from 8 per cent to 6 per cent. Reductions were also granted in the duty on frozen tongues of bovine animals and pork, kraft paper, pressure cooking stoves of copper, loud speakers and microphones for telegraphy and telephony, and on organs. The existing duties were bound against an increase on crude rapeseed oil, on salted and pickled horse meat, and on some grades of paper and paperboard.

Denmark

Concessions on most of Canadian principal exports to Denmark had been obtained at earlier GATT conferences. Duty-free entry is bound on many of these items, while the duties on some others are bound at low levels. At the present conference, the duty-free entry of flax seed was bound and the duty on spark plugs was reduced from 0.10 krone to 0.05 krone per kilo. Canadian exports of these products to Denmark increased considerably following removal of import restrictions last year.

Among other concessions of interest to Canada, the duty on canned peaches was reduced from 0.65 krone to 0.55 krone per kilo, and the existing duties were bound on planks and boards of Douglas fir and on radio navigation apparatus.

Finland

Canada did not negotiate directly with Finland. However, in its agreements with other countries, Finland granted some concessions which are of interest to Canada, including the elimination of the existing duty of 9 marks per kilo on mineral and vegetable blacks, a reduction in the duty on thin aluminum foil from 150 marks to 75 marks per kilo, and the binding of duty-free entry on rubber substitutes and on certain machines for the pulp and paper industry.