

Exchange of Notes (December 20, 1928) Relative to the Renunciation of the Rights of His Majesty's Government in Canada to Benefit by the Provisions of Existing Treaties Limiting the Right of China to Settle Her National Customs Tariffs or to Impose Tonnage Dues as She May Think Fit.

His Majesty's Minister to China to the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs

NANKING, December 20, 1928.

SIR,—With reference to the treaty* concluded this day between His Britannic Majesty and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, I have the honour to assure Your Excellency, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and the Irish Free State, and the Government of India, that the rights of those Governments to benefit by those provisions of existing treaties which limit in any way the right of China to settle her customs tariff or to impose tonnage dues at such rates as she may think fit are renounced by His Majesty as from the entry into force of the treaty.

I have also the honour to assure Your Excellency that His Majesty similarly renounces His rights in respect of Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia and all His non-self-governing Colonies and Protectorates.

I shall be glad to receive the assurance of the National Government of the Republic of China that goods produced or manufactured in any of the parts of His Majesty's territories mentioned above or in any of the territories under their administration or in any territory under His Majesty's suzerainty or in any territory in respect of which a mandate is exercised by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand or the Union of South Africa will be accorded most-favoured-nation treatment in China, so long as goods produced or manufactured in China receive in such territory treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods produced or manufactured in any other foreign country.

I shall also be glad to receive the assurance of the National Government of the Republic of China that articles produced or manufactured in China and exported to any of the territories mentioned above will receive most-favoured-nation treatment as regards export duties, internal taxation or transit dues, or matters connected therewith, so long as goods produced or manufactured in such territory and exported to China receive in corresponding matters treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods exported to any other foreign country.

I avail, &c.,

MILES W. LAMPSON.

* Canada is not a party to this treaty which, however, is printed below for information.