

We do not believe that the Spanish Government desire to inflict such loss on Canadian industry without giving ample notice, and request that special consideration be given motor cars which were in process of manufacture specially for the Spanish market when the quota was imposed.

On the broader question which has been raised by the Spanish Government in their Note under reference respecting negotiations with a view to increasing, on a reciprocal basis, the trade between the two countries, I may say that the Canadian Government are prepared at any time to take part in such negotiations and to accord full and sympathetic consideration to any proposals which the Spanish Government may desire to make.

I should be grateful if you could bring the position above set forth to the attention of the Spanish Government.

I have etc.

R. B. BENNETT

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au Haut commissaire
Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner

TELEGRAM 222

Ottawa, November 30, 1935

Referring to High Commissioner's letter of 2nd October transmitting enquiry from Spanish Government respecting possibility of opening commercial negotiations.

Canadian Government are now prepared to consider question of Commercial Treaty with Spain and to send representatives to Madrid for that purpose.

You should request His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to convey foregoing reply to Spanish Government and inform them that Mr. A. B. Muddiman, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, will be instructed to proceed to Madrid where he will be available for preliminary conversations with Spanish officials with a view to negotiation of Commercial Treaty.¹

¹Des instructions à cet effet furent télégraphiées le 3 janvier 1936.

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