

With France the treaty applies to:—

Merchandise in French vessels (being the production, growth, or manufacture of France).

With Austria the wording is:—

Cargoes, whatever may be the place of origin.

And with Italy and Greece:—All articles which are or may be legally imported.

The most-favoured-nation clause is without doubt confined to articles of a kind similar to those described in the particular treaty. For instance, goods from Belgium would be entitled to the same treatment as is accorded to articles of "British origin," which is the term used, but goods from the German Confederation are only entitled to the same treatment as "the produce of the United Kingdom," while French goods can claim the best terms given other "foreign goods."

It is an unsettled question in these treaties whether when some of them were made, and the term "British Dominions" was used, the term at the time was intended to apply further than the United Kingdom, also in another case whether the word "English" had any further limit than the British Isles.

In the treaties which have been concluded for some years back a clause is inserted that they shall not bind the Colonies unless their assent is given to them within a certain time. Canada, as will be seen by the accompanying

table, heads the list with thirteen treaties, to which she has not assented or in which she is not included. What advantage the Dominion has gained by this course of action, it seems impossible to show.

Great Britain has treaties with some fifty nations providing for reciprocity of trade on the most advantageous terms offered to any other country. Over 752,000,000 of people are benefited by these treaties, so Great Britain has a good deal to consider when asked to modify the treaties with Belgium and the Zollverein, which are the key of all the rest.

A long period has been required in which to make these contracts with these vast numbers of people, and it would seem a somewhat dangerous course to take any step at the beginning of a new era which might antagonize the friendly, or at least commercially friendly, feeling of all the countries which the United Empire would do business with, and alienate the friendship of nations that have shown impartiality to Canada in matters of International Arbitration and maintenance of peace.

The table below shows in which treaties the Colonies are included, and specifies whether Great Britain included them in the treaty or whether liberty was given them to assent or decline to assent to the treaty.

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TABLE OF TREATIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN CONTAINING THE "MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION" CLAUSE.

	Argentina Confederation Population 3,343,000.	Austria-Hungary Population 40,000,000.	Belgium Population 6,000,000.	Bolivia ^d Population 2,300,000.	Chili ^a Population 2,700,000.	China ^b Population 382,000,000.	Colombia Population 4,000,000.	Corea Population 12,000,000.	Costa Rica Population 154,000.	Denmark ^c Population 2,500,000.	Dominican Republic ^d Population 2,000,000.	Egypt ^e Population 7,200,000.	Ecuador Population 1,005,000.	France and her Colonies Population 35,000,000.	Germany (Zollverein) Population 46,000,000.	Greece Population 2,000,000.	Italy Population 30,000,000.	Japan Population 38,000,000.	Mexico ^c Population 10,500,000.	Morocco ^d Population 6,410,000.	Netherlands Population 4,000,000.	Paraguay Population 2,500,000.	Persia Population 7,650,000.	Peru ^d Population 3,000,000.	Portugal ^d Population 5,000,000.	
India.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	X
Canada.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cape of Good Hope.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Natal.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Newfoundland.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
New South Wales.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Zealand.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Queensland.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Australia.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tasmania.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Australia.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Victoria.....	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1

^a Applicable to British "dominions." Colonies may or may not be included.
^b Treaty 1842 expired.
^c Applicable to the Colonies on notice to that effect.
^d Assent. N—Dissent. O—No answer given. I—Included in Treaty. X—Not included in Treaty.

TABLE OF TREATIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN CONTAINING THE "MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION" CLAUSE.—Continued.

	Servia Population 1,910,000.	Romania Population 1,000,000.	Russia Population 95,000,000.	Salvador Population 700,000.	Sandwich Islands Population 65,000.	Siam Population 5,750,000.	South American Republic Population 900,000.	Spain ^{b,c} Population 17,000,000.	Sweden and Norway Population 6,700,000.	Thurkey ^d Population 1,500,000.	Turkey ^d Population 20,800,000.	United States ^e Population 66,000,000.	Uruguay Population 600,000.	Venezuela Population 2,300,000.	Number of Treaties included in.	Number of Treaties assented to.	Total.	No. of Treaties dissented to or not included in.
India.....	1	1	1	O	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	27	1	27	10
Canada.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	13
Cape of Good Hope.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	13
Natal.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	24	1	24	9
Newfoundland.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	24	1	24	7
New South Wales.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	24	1	24	11
New Zealand.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	24	1	24	10
Queensland.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	24	1	24	7
South Australia.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	11
Tasmania.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	8
West Australia.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	8
Victoria.....	1	1	1	N	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1	23	1	23	9

^a Applicable to "British Dominions."
^b Treaty applicable to Colonies, but Colonies to make special arrangements.
^c Treaty expired, but effect on "British Trade" continued by Royal Order.
^d Most-favoured-nation clause granted to the "English," 1869.
^e Treaties with the United States from 1815 to 1827.
 S. R.—Special rights.