

(D) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND AGREEMENTS

1. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND VENEZUELA, MARCH 26, 1941.

A commercial arrangement between Canada and Venezuela was concluded by an Exchange of Notes at Caracas, Venezuela, March 26, 1941.

This Exchange constitutes a *Modus Vivendi* providing that Canada in return for reciprocal concessions shall extend to Venezuela most-favoured nation treatment in tariff and exchange matters.

This *Modus Vivendi* comes into force on April 9, 1941, and will remain in force for one year with option of renewal. It will supplant in part the provisions of the treaties of 1825 and 1834.

2. THE HYDE PARK DECLARATION, STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, APRIL 28, 1941.

On March 12, I described the United States Lease-Lend Act as one of the milestones of freedom, pointing the way to ultimate and certain victory. The Lease-Lend Act settled the principle of United States assistance to Britain and the other democracies. It did not, however, solve all of the complex economic problems involved in the mobilization of the resources of the United States and Canada in order to render to Britain, in the speediest manner, the most effective assistance and support.

One of the reasons for my recent visit to the United States and my conferences with the President, was the urgent need for Canada to find an immediate solution of some of the problems involved in our war-time economic relations with the United States and with the United Kingdom. Before indicating the extent to which a solution has been found in the Hyde Park Declaration, I shall outline briefly the problems themselves.

The War Exchange Problem

It will be readily recognized that we, in Canada, could not possibly have embarked upon our existing program of war production if we had not lived side by side with the greatest industrial nation in the world. Without ready access to the industrial production of the United States, and particularly the machine tools and other specialized equipment so necessary in producing the complex instruments of modern war, Canada's war effort would have been seriously retarded. We would have been