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Present Status of Sec. 3 of the
CANADIAN RECIPROCITY ACT

Section 3 of the Canadian Reciprocity Act (37 Stat. 12) authorizes and requests the President to negotiate trade agreements with the Dominion of Canada looking toward freer trade relations and further reciprocal expansion of commerce by mutual concessions in the way of tariff rates. This section has never been expressly repealed or amended. The United States Compiled Statutes, 1916 (p. 6506) suggests, however, that the section "was superseded by the more general provisions" in the Underwood Tariff Act (38 Stat. 192, Sec. 4,A), which authorizes the President to "negotiate trade agreements with foreign nations wherein mutual concessions are made looking toward freer trade relations and further reciprocal expansion of trade and commerce." The repeal of the entire Canadian Reciprocity Act is proposed by H. R. 7779, which passed the House October 9, 1919, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, October 14.

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