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OTTAWA, 19th March, 1892.

GEO. HADRILL, Esq.,
Secty. Board of Trade, Montreal.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, communicating a minute adopted by the council of the Montreal Board of Trade on the 15th instant, with reference to the possible loss of trade to this country which the board apprehends will arise in consequence of the tariff difficulties between Newfoundland and Canada; and to inform you that the views of the board will receive careful consideration.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. P. BAUSET,
Acting Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES,
OTTAWA, 29th March, 1892.

MR. JOHN VACHER, Jr.,
Burgess, Western Shore, Newfoundland.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, asking whether, in case your vessel should repair to Canadian Labrador shore this season, you will be allowed to fish with cod seines, on paying license fee?

In answer thereto, I am directed by the minister of marine and fisheries to state, that the subject of allowing Newfoundland vessels to fish in Canadian waters is under the consideration of the government, and it is possible that fresh legislation on this question may be submitted for the consideration of parliament during the present session.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. P. BAUSET,
Acting Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

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30th March, 1892.

The following telegram has been sent to governor of Newfoundland.

Canadian government telegraphed on the 1st of March suggesting that pending proposed conference, former status be reverted to, Canadians being allowed bait and bait fishes as Americans without charge for licenses, the exceptional duties imposed on Canadian imports into Newfoundland to be removed and Newfoundland fishery products to be admitted free into Canada as before. They also cordially acquiesced in proposed conference in London and appointed the high commissioner to act.

Harvey having meanwhile returned to Newfoundland, I telegraphed to Canada that the proposed conference here was impossible at present, and before holding it the two governments should agree as to proceedings. Your decision might be communicated direct to Canada or if preferred I will forward it.

KNUTSFORD.