

the other hand, to reduce from 20 per cent. to 5 per cent. the duty in Article 308 of the same Tariff relative to "pictures, prints, engravings, drawings, and architectural drawings."

It is moreover understood that if, as we hope, the Government of the Dominion think it possible to give satisfaction to the Government of the French Republic on this point, the French Government will consent, on their part, to add cheeses to the list of articles of Canadian origin which, in the terms of Article 3 of the Agreement signed this day, will be admitted in France and her Colonies to the advantages of the Minimum Tariff.

You have also been good enough to confirm what you had already made known to me during the progress of these conferences, viz., that the Government of the Dominion, desirous of favouring the development of commercial relations between the two countries, have voted a subvention of 100,000*l.* for the purpose of establishing a line of steamers to run between a Canadian port on the one side and a French terminus port on the other.

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of this communication, and to thank you for it.

You asked me, in addition, to take into consideration the interests of Canadian importers as regards the import dues at St. Pierre and Miquelon. I have the honour to inform you that, in the discussion which took place before the Council of State, these interests were specially considered, and that the special Decree issued on the advice of that Assembly is now in operation.

Accept, &c.  
(Signed) JULES DEVELLE.

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