

The following concessions are of interest to Canadian exporters: The quota of wheat flour entering the Netherlands free of duty has been increased from 50,000 tons to 65,000 tons: the rate of duty on cattle for breeding purposes is reduced from 9% to Free, on seed potatoes from 10% to 5%, on meat, tomato and pea soups from 30% to 25%, on fountain pens and sets from 18% to 15%.

One concession was withdrawn from Canada under Article XXVIII, i.e., copper wire other than machine copper wire respecting which the tariff was increased from 4% to 6%. Canadian sales of copper wire to Belgium have been small.

CUBA

It was not found possible at Torquay to negotiate further tariff concessions between Cuba and Canada. Substantially all of the concessions accorded to Canada by Cuba at Geneva were revalidated at Torquay and will continue in force for another three years. Four concessions of interest to Canada were modified or withdrawn by Cuba under Article XXVIII, i.e., patent leather (no immediate increase in the rate), whiskey, plastic games and toys and certain other plastic manufactures. In compensation Canada accepted a small reduction in the duty on codfish from \$4.125 per 100 kgs. to \$4.00 per 100 kgs.

DENMARK

A number of concessions of interest to Canadian exporters were obtained from Denmark at Torquay in addition to the concessions which were negotiated at Annecy in 1949. These included bindings of free entry on the following: fish meal, barley, oats, and fish oils for the manufacture of goods.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Concessions of considerable importance to Canada were negotiated at Torquay, supplementing those accorded by the Dominican Republic at Annecy. Duties were reduced on the following commodities: smoked herring and alewives, from 2-1/4¢ per kg. to 2¢; herring, mackerel and alewives in brine, from 1-1/2¢ per kg. to 1¢; dried or salted fish from 2-1/4¢ per kg. to 2¢. Other items of interest are aluminum bars, sheets and wire, aluminum foil, electric refrigerators, radio and television receivers, canned fruits, canned sardines and truck tires and tubes.

FRANCE

As a consequence of Torquay, new concessions were added by France to those negotiated at Geneva and Annecy and these now comprise about two-thirds of the French customs tariff. New concessions of interest to Canada include a reduction from 50% to 30% in the rate of duty on rye, from 25% to 20% on canned salmon, from 18% to 12% on dried chick peas, from 12% to 6% on dried whole beans, and from 30% to 20% on maple sugar and syrup. Douglas fir plywood becomes dutiable at 10% instead of 20%, polystyrene at 30% instead of 35%. The rate of duty on raw zinc was reduced from 15% to 12%, on raw lead from 10% to 8% and on endless wire cloth of copper and its alloys from 20% to 18%. Codfish fillets will be dutiable in Martinique at 10% instead of 35%.

Rates of duty were also reduced on canned fruit and vegetable juices, polyvinyl acetate and other polyvinyl esters, assembled and unassembled packing cases, brushes, compressors, automobiles and parts and a wide range of chemical products and industrial equipment.