

Exchange of Notes Regarding Commercial Relations Between
Canada and Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, December 4, 1931

The British Chargé d'Affaires to the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Rio de Janeiro

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
RIO DE JANEIRO, December 4, 1931.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,—In order to regulate the commercial relations between Canada and Brazil, I have the honour, at the instance of His Majesty's Government in Canada, to inform Your Excellency that that Government is desirous of concluding a commercial agreement with the Brazilian Government. Inasmuch, however, as under Canadian law parliamentary authority is required for the extension of most-favoured-nation treatment to foreign countries and since the Canadian Parliament will not be in session for several weeks, the Canadian Government is prepared to enter into a temporary agreement to the following effect:—

- (a) Goods, the produce or manufacture of Brazil, imported into Canada (whether for consumption, re-export or transit) will receive treatment according to the Canadian Intermediate Tariff.
- (b) Goods, the produce or manufacture of Canada, imported into Brazil (whether for consumption, re-export or transit) will receive treatment not less favourable than that granted to goods the produce or manufacture of any other countries.
- (c) Nothing in this agreement, however, shall affect the rights of the Government of Canada to modify, maintain, or extend preferential treatment accorded to any State of the British Commonwealth of Nations.
- (d) It is agreed that the above provisions of this temporary agreement shall not extend to advantages now accorded to adjacent countries in order to facilitate frontier traffic or to advantages granted to a third country in virtue of a customs union which has already been or may hereafter be concluded.
- (e) The present Note and a Note from Your Excellency confirming the acceptance of Brazil of the agreement shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall come into force immediately and continue in force until a most-favoured-nation agreement shall be concluded.

I avail myself, etc.,

(Sd.) EDWARD KEELING.

His Excellency
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Rio de Janeiro.