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*The High Commissioner for Canada to the Secretary for External Affairs*

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

PRETORIA, 31st August, 1944.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of August 31st reading as follows:—

"I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 17th July, 1944, wherein you advised me of the Canadian Government's desire that the preference of 35 cents per cubic foot on oranges, which is guaranteed to the Union by virtue of the Trade Agreement concluded between the Union and the Canadian Governments at Ottawa on the 20th August, 1932, should be further suspended during the months of August to December, 1944, inclusive.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Union Government agree to the further suspension of this duty during the months of August to December, 1944, inclusive.

This note and your confirmatory reply thereto will be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments in the matter, it being understood that this agreement shall lapse if not approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament of the Union of South Africa in terms of Section 8 of the Customs Tariff Act No. 36 of 1925, as amended by Act No. 44 of 1935."

I am authorized by my Government to inform you that they accept the arrangement set out in your Note and agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of South Africa, which shall enter into force with effect from July 31st, 1944, subject to the conditions mentioned and which may be subject to renewal by mutual accord.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. BURCHELL.