

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (APRIL 12 AND 13, 1935) CONSTITUTING A
COMMERCIAL "MODUS VIVENDI" BETWEEN CANADA AND
HAYTI

*From the British Minister at Port-au-Prince to the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs at Hayti.*

BRITISH LEGATION

PORT-AU-PRINCE, April 12, 1935.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

It being the desire of His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Government of the Republic of Hayti to establish close commercial relations between Canada and Hayti, I have the honour to place on record the mutual understanding between the two Governments which has been arrived at and is to the effect that in respect of import and export duties and other duties and charges affecting commerce, as well as in respect of transit, warehousing and other facilities, and the treatment of commercial travellers' samples, Canada will accord to Hayti, and Hayti will accord to Canada, unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment, and that in matters of licensing or prohibitions of import and export each country, so far as it at any time maintains such a system, will accord to the commerce of the other treatment as favourable with respect to commodities, valuations and quantities as that which may be accorded to the commerce of any other foreign country.

In particular it is understood that:

No higher or other duties shall be imposed on the importation into or disposal in Canada of any articles the produce or manufacture of Hayti than are or shall be payable on like articles, the produce or manufacture of any other foreign country;

No higher or other duties shall be imposed on the importation into or disposal in Hayti of any articles the produce or manufacture of Canada than are or shall be payable on like articles the produce or manufacture of any other foreign country;

Similarly no higher or other duties shall be imposed in Canada or in Hayti on the exportation of any articles to the other than are payable on the exportation of the like articles to any other foreign country;

Every concession with respect to any duty, charge or regulation affecting commerce now accorded or which may hereafter be accorded by Canada or by Hayti by law, proclamation, order, decree or commercial treaty or agreement to any foreign country, will become immediately applicable, without request and without compensation to the commerce of Hayti and of Canada.

The present arrangement does not, however, relate to:

- (1) Prohibitions of sanitary character or designed to protect human, animal or plant life, or regulations for the enforcement of police or revenue laws.
- (2) The treatment which Hayti accords or may hereafter accord to the commerce of the Dominican Republic.

The present arrangement shall become operative on April fifteenth nineteen hundred and thirty-five and unless sooner terminated by mutual agreement shall continue in force for three months and thereafter until three months after notice of its termination shall have been given by either party.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my high consideration.

F. M. SHEPHERD