

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Ratification of Protocol to Modify International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling, July 21, 1941

The Ratification by Canada of the Protocol to modify the International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling of June 8, 1937, was deposited at London, July 21, 1941. The Protocol was signed at London, June 24, 1938, and came into force definitively on December 30, 1938. The Protocol came into force for Canada on July 21, 1941.

2. Freezing of Japanese Assets in Canada

On July 25th, the Prime Minister announced that the necessary steps had been taken to prevent the withdrawal of assets in Canada belonging to residents of Japan. This "freezing" Order paralleled action taken by the United Kingdom and the United States. It provided that permission of the Foreign Exchange Control Board must be obtained for any financial transactions affecting residents of Japan.

Similar action was taken with regard to Chinese assets in Canada at the request of the Chinese Government.

The action taken with regard to Japan represents the first time such an order has been applied to a non-belligerent country which has not been occupied by Germany or Italy.

3. Termination of Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty

On July 27th, Canada gave notice of the termination of the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty insofar as it affects this country, as a further reprisal for Japan's move southward into French Indo-China.

The termination of the Treaty will take effect in twelve months from the date of denunciation. The action taken by Canada in this respect is parallel to that of the United Kingdom.

The Treaty in question is the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1911, to which Canada adhered in 1913.

4. Exchange of Ratifications of August 13, 1941 Supplementary Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, signed December 13, 1940

On August 13, 1941, at Washington, the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and the Canadian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. H.H. Wrong, exchanged the President's Proclamation and His Majesty's Ratification, of the Supplementary Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, signed on December 13, 1940.

This Agreement, which relates solely to silver or black foxes, silver or black fox furs and skins, and related articles, amends the Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, signed on November 17, 1938, by imposing quantitative limitation on import of all of those articles into the United States and prescribing the rate of import duties on silver or black fox furs and skins imported into the United States.

Pursuant to its own terms, the Supplementary Agreement came into force provisionally on December 20, 1940. It will come into force definitively on August 14, 1941.