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Exchange of Letters between the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Accredited Representative of the Union of South Africa regarding the agreed modifications of the Canada-South Africa Trade Agreement of 1932.

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OTTAWA, November 16, 1938.

SIR,

In view of the willingness expressed by His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa to facilitate the trade negotiations between Canada and the United States by consenting to the modification of certain margins of preference guaranteed under the Canada-South Africa Trade Agreement of 1932, I have the honour to inform you that the new Agreement will provide for reduced duties on imports into Canada from the United States on a number of articles in respect of which the Union Government have agreed to waive their rights to the extent necessary to permit of the inclusion in the forthcoming Agreement, of the reduced duties indicated below on imports from the United States of America:—

EX SCHEDULE A OF THE CANADA-SOUTH AFRICA TRADE AGREEMENT

No. of Canadian Tariff Item		New Rate of Duty on Goods the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the United States
55	Indian corn, n.o.p.,..... per bushel	10 cents
92(i)	Quinces and nectarines..... June to February inclusive	10 p.c.
95	Cantaloupes and muskmelons.....	10 p.c.
101	Oranges, n.o.p.— December to April, inclusive.....	Free
	May to November, inclusive..... per cubic foot	35 cts.
	Provided that Canada reserves the right to substitute for the above item the following:—	
101	Oranges, n.o.p.— January to July, inclusive.....	Free
	August to December, inclusive..... per cubic foot	35 cts.

The Canadian Government desire to record their intention of inviting Parliament at its forthcoming session to consolidate the three tariff items under which Indian corn is imported into Canada into one item on which the rates of duty would be free under the British Preferential Tariff, ten cents per bushel under the Intermediate Tariff and twenty cents per bushel under the General Tariff.

At the same time they wish to express again their appreciation of the willingness of the Government of the Union of South Africa to facilitate the successful conclusion of Canadian trade negotiations with the United States of America and to confirm their understanding that the modification thus effected in the Canada-South Africa Trade Agreement will be taken into consideration when that Agreement is revised.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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