

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JULY 19 AND AUGUST 13, 1946) BETWEEN
CANADA AND AUSTRALIA AMENDING FOR THE PERIOD
AUGUST 13 TO DECEMBER 31, 1946, THE TRADE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OF JULY 8, 1931, AS
REGARDS DUTY ON ORANGES IMPORTED IN CANADA.

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*The Acting High Commissioner for Canada in Australia
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Australia*

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

Canberra, July 19, 1946.

No. 15

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. ER, 45/2/4/11, of July 20, 1945, in which you were good enough to convey the agreement of the Australian Government to the suspension of the Canadian custom duty of 35 cents per cubic foot imposed upon oranges from the United States and to state that the Canadian Government proposes again to suspend this duty on oranges from non-British Empire countries for the further temporary period from August 1 to December 31 of this year.

2. The Canadian Government is aware that the Canadian Australian Trade Agreement* provides for a margin of preference during these months but it is pointed out that exports of oranges from Australia to Canada practically ceased during the war and there seems little likelihood of oranges from Australia or other duty-free sources being available during the six months referred to above. As oranges are pressing closely against the price ceiling in Canada, it is the desire of the Canadian Government to suspend the duty temporarily in order to prevent a rise of prices during the months concerned. It would be appreciated if the Australian Government would again concur in the proposed course of action.

3. I would be glad if you could let me have an early reply in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. CROFT,

Acting High Commissioner for Canada.

*For the text of the Agreement, see Canada Treaty Series, 1931, No. 5.