

a new Agreement, but whether or not any substantial safeguard for our wheat market in Belgium could be secured in a new Agreement is likely to depend on our ability to offer a reduction in the duty on window glass on which the present market of preference is bound in favour of the United Kingdom. Preliminary discussion of this possibility with the United Kingdom Trade Delegation in Washington during the summer did not reveal any readiness on their part to forego any part of their margin of preference, but it is for consideration whether it would be worthwhile raising the matter officially with the United Kingdom Government.

Netherlands

Commercial relations between Canada and the Netherlands are now in a reasonably satisfactory state and are likely to be substantially improved by the removal of the special excise tax of 3% on goods imported from most-favoured-nation countries. There has been some discussion at intervals over the last two or three years of the advisability of negotiating a new Trade Agreement: but the principal difficulty in the way of doing so is the fact that the tariff concession which Holland would chiefly value would be a reduction of our relatively high duty on artificial silk yarns. A reduction the benefits of which were confined to Holland, France and the United States would bring our tariff on artificial silk yarns and fabrics more in line with the tariff on other textiles

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