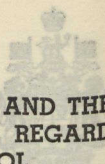


CANADA



**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (March 26 and May 6, 1953) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT IN REGARD
TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON WOOL**

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March 26, 1953.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 14th June, 1952, and other correspondence between us regarding the suspension of the margin of preference on wool as between Canada and South Africa.

Under an exchange of notes, as you will recall, the Union Government agreed to the temporary suspension of the margin of preference on wool, not further advanced than scoured, until March 31, 1953, and provision for this was made under Order in Council P.C. 1376 of March 11, 1952.

Canadian wool manufacturers have made representations, as on previous occasions, concerning the Canadian customs duty on raw wool from non-Commonwealth sources and point out that the further temporary removal of the customs duty will enable Canadian wool buyers to take greater advantage of offerings of Commonwealth wool.

I am instructed to ascertain if, in view of the wool situation in Canada, the Government of the Union of South Africa will be prepared to waive temporarily the margin of preference on wool, not further advanced than scoured, for a period of one year ending not later than March 31, 1954.

If the Union Government agrees to this request, I should suggest that your reply, together with this note, may be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments on this matter, with effect from he 1st April, 1953.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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