

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Annecy negotiations of 1949 provided for scheduled tariff concessions on a much wider scale than the previous agreements. It is estimated that items covered by concessions represented exports from Canada, valued at \$1,352,000 out of a total of \$1,914,000 in 1947 and at \$1,915,000 out of a total of \$1,985,000 in 1948. The inclusion of Newfoundland figures would increase these totals.

Items of importance to Canada on which duty is reduced include: Glass lamp founts, pedestals, etc. from \$11 per 100 kilograms or if higher 30 per cent, to \$9 per 100 kilograms or if higher 25 per cent; lamps and parts and parts of lanterns, of iron or steel, from 10¢ per kilo or if higher 20 per cent to 7½¢ per kilo or if higher 15 per cent; hand lanterns, of iron or steel, from \$1.80 per dozen, or if higher, 20 per cent to \$1.35 per dozen, or if higher, 15 per cent; wall lanterns, of iron or steel, from \$3.00 per dozen, or if higher, 20 per cent to \$2.25 per dozen, or if higher; 15 per cent; lamps and parts and parts of lanterns, of copper or alloys, from 20¢ per kilo, or if higher, 25 per cent to 16¢ per kilo, or if higher, 20 per cent; incandescent mantles, from \$2.50 to \$1.66 per 100 units; prepared oat cereals, from 5¢ to 3¢ per kilo; unsweetened biscuits, from 15¢ to 10¢ per kilo; and preserved fruit from 15¢ to 12¢ per kilo. The duty on fountain pens is reduced by 50 per cent.

Duties have been reduced by one-half on a number of important aluminum items, namely, bars, sheets and wire from 50¢ to 25¢ per kilo, and powder, leaves, liquid or paste, from 60¢ to 30¢ per kilo. The rate on aluminum pigs and ingots has been bound at \$10 per 100 kilos, on aluminum roofing sheets, at 1¢ per kilo, tubing and accessories at 10 per cent ad valorem, and on aluminum barbed wire at 5¢ per kilo. The rates on copper wire, bare and insulated, have been reduced - the former from 20¢ to 15¢ per kilo and the latter from 15¢ to 12¢ per kilo.

Among fish products, the rates on herring, mackerel and other fish in brine, have been reduced from 2¢ to 1½¢ per kilo, while the existing rates on dried and salted fish, including cod, and on smoked fish have been bound at 2½¢ per kilo.

Other items on which duty reductions were obtained include: iron fencing wire; iron kitchen utensils; sugar cane harvesting machines; radio and television apparatus; and whisky. The rate on rubber tires for passenger vehicles and bicycles has been changed from \$30 per 100 kilos to 25 per cent ad valorem, and on tires for trucks from \$20 per 100 kilos to 15 per cent ad valorem.

Continued free entry is guaranteed for printing paper; natural and artificial fertilizers; sewing machines and parts; live animals and birds of all kinds; wheat; and horticultural seeds, the latter item including also seed potatoes.

Existing rates have been bound on malt; Portland cement; pharmaceutical products; soaps and washing preparations; paints and varnishes; calcium carbide; writing paper; cotton fabrics; typewriters; automobile parts; electricity meters; electric dynamos, generators and transformers; and rubber transmission belts.

Under an existing trade agreement with the Dominican Republic which came into effect on March 15, 1940, the two countries had already provided for the unconditional exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment in tariff matters. In addition, the Dominican Republic had agreed to remove certain internal revenue taxes from imported dried salted hake, pollock and cusk, and some other fish, and to admit Canadian seed potatoes and wheat free of customs duty and internal revenue tax.

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