

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JULY 19 AND 24, 1945) BETWEEN CANADA  
AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA REVIVING THE TRADE CONVENTION  
OF THE 15TH MARCH, 1928

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The Czechoslovak Minister to Canada to the Secretary of State for  
External Affairs

LEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC

OTTAWA, July 19th, 1945.

No. 1306/45.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been directed by my Govern-  
ment to request the Government of Canada to terminate the suspension period  
of the Canadian-Czechoslovak Trade Agreement concluded in Ottawa between  
our two Governments on March 15, 1928\* and again place this Agreement on  
the record of existing and valid Treaties.

As, however, under present dislocated shipping and inland transportation  
conditions the strict application of the Agreement would largely prevent Czecho-  
slovakia from obtaining the benefits contemplated, I should be very grateful  
if Article Five of this Agreement could be temporarily suspended.

Article Five reads:

"To enjoy the benefit of the tariff advantages provided for in the fore-  
going articles, without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 4, goods the  
produce or manufacture of Czechoslovakia shall be conveyed without trans-  
shipment from a port of Czechoslovakia, such being understood to be a  
port of a foreign country in which Czechoslovakia has defined rights under  
treaties to which Canada is a party, or from a port of a country enjoying  
the benefit of the Preferential or Intermediate Tariff, into a sea or river  
port of Canada."

Should the present difficulties make some other temporary modifications  
necessary, I shall greatly appreciate if you would kindly allow me to bring them  
to your kind attention.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DR. FRANTISEK PAVLASEK,

*Minister of the Czechoslovak Republic.*

\* For the Trade Agreement of March 15th, 1928, see *Canada Treaty Series 1928*, No. 6.