

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GERMAN REICH AND CANADA

Negotiated by

WALTER DE HAAS, of the City of Berlin, Ministerial Director in the German Foreign Office,

on behalf of the German Reich,

and

The Honourable PETER LARKIN, of the City of London (England), Privy Councillor, High Commissioner of Canada in London,

on behalf of Canada,

hereunto duly authorized by their respective Governments.

Whereas it was provided by Article 297 of the Treaty between Germany and the Allied and Associated Powers signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919, that Canada being one of the Allied and Associated Powers therein referred to has the right to retain and liquidate all Property, Rights and Interests in Canada belonging, at the date of the coming into force of the said Treaty, to nationals of the German Reich;

And whereas it is further provided by Section 4 of the Annex following Article 298 of the said Treaty that all Property, Rights and Interests in Canada of Nationals of the German Reich and the proceeds of their sale or dealings therein may be charged by Canada in the first place with payments of amounts due in respect of claims by Canadian nationals with regard to Property, Rights and Interests including Companies and Associations in which they are interested in the German Reich, or debts owing to them by German nationals;

And whereas in pursuance of the aforesaid provisions in the said Treaty the Canadian Custodian of Enemy Property, hereinafter called "The Custodian", took into his possession certain Property, Rights and Interests in Canada of German nationals and charged thereon certain claims of Canadian nationals as provided for by the said Treaty;

And whereas the Government of the German Reich and the Allied and Associated Powers by a Protocol dated the 31st August, 1929, and signed at the Hague adopted in principle subject to certain reservations the Report of the Committee of Experts generally known as the "Young Plan";

And whereas certain of the Property, Rights and Interests in Canada of German nationals remain unliquidated;

And whereas the Government of Canada adheres to the recommendation contained in Article 144 of the Report dated June 7th, 1929, of the Committee of Experts and is desirous to conclude immediately an agreement with the Government of the German Reich for putting into force this recommendation in so far as it relates to the return to the German owners of their Property, Rights and Interests not liquid, liquidated or finally disposed of;