French Treaty.

That for the protection of Canadian wine manufacturers and also for public protection, a commission or examining board be appointed at each Canadian port to analyze and test the imported wines, and that no wines but those made from grape juice be admitted, that spurious or doctored wines called in France Vin Frelates, be positively excluded from being imported and that the same tests used at the Paris Octroi by the Paris commission, to discover different wine falsifications, be used in Canada.

We trust that the government will carefully consider our requests and enact such legislation that while they are accomplishing their object in the proposed new relations with France they will not ignore the legitimate demands of the grape growers and wine manufacturers of Canada, but encourage and promote the interests of one of the most promising industries of the country.

Signed on behalf of the

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MEMORANDUM.

Both the shipping bounty legislation in France of 1881 and that promulgated by the decree of the 30th of January last provided (1) for a bounty on ships built in France as compensation for the charges imposed on shipbuilders, owing to the duties on the importation of material; and (2) a navigation bounty on vessels under the French flag to compensate the owners for charges imposed on the mercantile marine for recruiting for the navy.

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