

Norway

The duty-free entry granted by Norway on many important Canadian products was bound at earlier GATT negotiations. At this conference, Canada obtained new concessions on a number of products. Reductions in duty were obtained on nylon fishing nets, from 25 per cent ad valorem with a minimum of 10 kroner per kilo, to one-fifth of this level, 5 per cent with a minimum of 2 kroner per kilo; and on synthetic rubber, from 30 per cent to a maximum statutory rate of 10 per cent.

Reductions were also obtained in the duty on canned salmon, from 0.30 krone to 0.25 krone per kilogram, on cotton duck, unworked cellophane, canned peaches, and on certain machines for the paper-making industry. The duty-free entry of pneumatic spade hammers and rammers was bound, and the existing duties were bound against increase on red clover seed, patent leather, certain grades of upper leather and on fork-lift trucks.

Sweden

Sweden granted concessions on various items of interest to Canada, many of which have been freed from import restrictions. Duty-free entry was bound on natural aluminum oxide, which alone accounted for 15 per cent of all Canadian exports to Sweden in 1955. The duty on raw beaver skins was reduced from 15 per cent ad valorem plus 350 kronor per 100 kilos to 5 per cent ad valorem. The duty of 150 kronor per 100 kilos on raw muskrat, racoon and skunk skins was eliminated. Reductions were also made in the duties on phthalic acid and anhydride; developed motion picture film; dressed fur skins of beaver, chinchilla, mink and fox; motor vehicle tires; machine felt containing up to 20 per cent of continuous synthetic fibres; screw taps and dies; darning, sewing, and knitting machine needles; certain gasoline engines; radio receiving sets and factory trucks. Duty-free entry was bound also on planks and boards of Douglas fir and on nickel anodes. The existing 10 per cent duty was bound on certain machines for the paper-making industry and for mining. On whisky, the former bound rate of 200 kronor per 100 litres was reduced to the existing level of duty at 135 kronor per 100 litres.

Turkey

Commodities of interest to Canada on which the rates of duty will be reduced by Turkey include calculating machines and cash registers, from 15 per cent to 5 per cent; typewriters, from 10 per cent to 5 per cent; refrigerators and refrigerating equipment; and office furniture of metal.

LATIN AMERICA

Canada concluded new agreements at this Conference with Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Successful negotiations had taken place with these countries at previous GATT conferences, and the new agreements are necessarily somewhat limited. It should be noted that these three Caribbean countries provide open dollar markets, without import or exchange restrictions affecting Canadian goods. Canada will also benefit from concessions granted by Chile and Peru in their negotiations with other countries.