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measure of discretion might be left to the Administration without prejudice to the position of the United States exporters. Modification of the Agreement along either of these lines would involve the negotiation of a new supplementary Trade Agreement in conformity with established United States procedure. It is hardly feasible to initiate action of this sort immediately without running the risk of jeopardizing a number of the concessions which Canada secured from the United States and which are proving a source of political embarrassment to the United States Government.

However, it ought to be possible once the new Trade Agreement is definitively confirmed to be able to explore with the United States authorities the possibility of a limited supplementary agreement based on the principle of reciprocal concessions which might enable the Government to meet some of the more reasonable suggestions that have been received.

It is very doubtful if this should be done unless the Government definitely intends to use the freedom to raise the motor car duties.

France

Commercial relations with France are governed by a series of agreements and exchanges of notice badly in need of consolidation and restatement in a single comprehensive Trade Agreement. Apart from the desirability of tidying up the treaty position, it is essential if we are to get on with the job of restoring the Canadian tariff to its normal three-level structure to get rid of the type of tariff concession

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