

BRITISH INDIA
NEGOTIATIONS 1932

The Indian Delegation is agreed in principle to concluding a preliminary arrangement with Canada whereby, in consideration for the maintenance of the existing preferences on Indian products imported into Canada, the Indian Government will grant to Canada the preferences contemplated for Great Britain, and may be possibly also willing to concede certain other preferences on products solely of interest to Canada.

A. Preferences Desired by India

Products on which India chiefly desires consideration for preferences:-

1. Tea, (Tariff Item No. 28A).

| <u>British Preferential</u> | <u>Intermediate Tariff</u> | <u>General Tariff</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4¢ per lb. | 8¢ per lb. | 8¢ per lb. |

India would like undertaking to maintain present spread of preference.

2. Woven Fabrics of Jute

| | <u>B.P.</u> | <u>I.T.</u> | <u>G.T.</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (Tariff Item No. 541) | free | 5% | 15% |
| (Tariff Item No. 541A) | 15% | 22½% | 25% |
| (Tariff Item No. 541B) | 15% | 22½% | 25% |

The Indian Delegation hope for increased preferences on this item.

3. Rice (Tariff Item No. 62)

| | <u>B.P.</u> | <u>I.T.</u> | <u>G.T.</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Uncleaned, unhulled or paddy | free | free | free |

The Indian Delegation intimate that a preference on rice would be very desirable and would facilitate acceptance of agreement by the Indian legislature. It is suggested that rice from the United States might be dutiable under the general tariff, if it is not desired to levy a duty on rice from countries enjoying intermediate tariff. The Indian Delegation would also probably desire to see the provision in the Australian Treaty regarding rice cancelled.

4. Wool Carpets (Tariff Item No. 572)

| | <u>B.P.</u> | <u>I.T.</u> | <u>G.T.</u> |
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| | 30% and 10¢ per sq. ft. | 35% and 15¢ per sq. ft. | 40% and 20¢ per sq. ft. |

An increase in the preference would be appreciated.