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Of correspondence and other papers in relation to an Agreement entered into between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the President of the French Republic, regulating the commercial relations between Canada and France in respect of Customs tariffs.

OTTAWA, March 15th, 1893.

OTTAWA, 12th January, 1893.

The Honourable Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., K.C.M.G.,
High Commissioner for Canada, London, Eng.

DEAR SIR CHARLES TUPPER,—Mr. M. Bowell instructed me last night to send you the following cable:—

"Re French negotiations, Government cannot accept conditions involved in clauses regarding steamship subvention and reduction duty French books, but agree to most-favoured nation treatment *so far as articles named in Treaty* are concerned. They agree to other conditions in return for minimum tariff on articles named as regards France and St. Pierre Miquelon. This subject to your views as to effect on proposed Spanish negotiations."

"BOWELL."

Which I now confirm, so as to avoid the chance of any mistake as to its exact words.

Believe me yours faithfully,

JOHN J. MCGEE, *Clerk of the Privy Council.*

Copies of Cablegrams.

OTTAWA, 4th February, 1893.

TO TUPPER, London.

Letter twenty-first received this morning, impossible to decide until further information reaches us as to what proposals are specified in the drafts. Cable what proposition is as to cheese.

BOWELL.

LONDON, February, 1893.

BOWELL, Ottawa.

Your telegram received in Paris Sunday is fully answered by my letters 24th and 25th January, which should have reached you yesterday.

TUPPER.

PARIS, 6th February, 1893.

To Sir JOHN THOMPSON, Ottawa.

Treaty was duly signed at Foreign Office to-day at five; only alteration in draft already sent you is the addition of wood pavement in the piece. The letters were also exchanged. Am mailing full text in English and French both of Treaty and letters Wednesday.

TUPPER.