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The Department of External Affairs announced today the signature of an Agreement on Commerce for the exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment between Canada and Japan. This Agreement was signed in Ottawa on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. C. D. Howe, and by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, and on behalf of Japan by His Excellency Mr. Koto Matsudaira, newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Canada.

This Agreement will enter into force on its ratification by both countries. It will be valid for one year from the date of ratification and will continue in effect unless terminated by either party.