

Treaty of Commerce with France.

again put into force by Article I of the present Treaty, be likewise subject to the duty of 5 fr. or 8 fr. per 100 kilog. established on crude or refined oils by the law of the 16th of September, 1871, or that which may be hereafter levied on the like oils manufactured in France.

A Commission, consisting of one member on the part of each Government, shall meet at Paris immediately after the ratification of the present Treaty, in order to settle, as hereinafter directed, questions concerning duties levied in France on British mineral oils, as well as to consider and report on any other questions which the High Contracting Parties agree, or shall agree, to refer to it.

The benefit of the above provisions shall be extended to British mineral oils, to be supplied to persons in France under contracts entered into before the promulgation of the law of the 8th of July, 1871.

The Commission shall examine how far it would be possible to effect reimbursement of duties levied in excess of the duty of 5 per cent., and the tax of 5 fr. or 8 fr. per 100 kilog. above referred to, in the case of British mineral oils, introduced into France since the promulgation of the law of the 8th of July, 1871, otherwise than in pursuance of contracts previously entered into.

In regard to the contracts above referred to, the settlement shall include indemnification for actions for breaches of contracts entered into before the enforcement of the Law of the 8th of July, 1871.

The High Contracting Parties, before the exchange of the ratifications of the present Treaty, shall name some third person to act as Arbitrator in regard to any points in connection with the questions above referred to which relate to mineral oils and on which the Commissioners may themselves differ in opinion. The Commission shall refer any such points to the Arbitrator, whose decision shall be binding on the Commissioners, and shall be reported by them accordingly.

The High Contracting Parties shall forthwith carry out the decision come to by the Commission or by the Arbitrator.

ARTICLE V.

The present Treaty shall remain in force until the 30th of June, 1877. In case neither of the two High Contracting Parties should have notified, twelve months before the said date, the intention of putting an end to it, it shall remain binding until the expiration of one year from the day on which either of the two High Contracting Parties shall have denounced it.

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