

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Reciprocity (Canada and West Indies.)

No. 1.—1913.

26th February.

AN ORDINANCE to ratify the Agreement of the Ninth day of April, 1912, entered into between Canada and certain of the West Indian Colonies.

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GEORGE H. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

6th March, 1913.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Canada and West Indies Reciprocity (Tariff) Ordinance, 1913. Short Title.

2. This Colony hereby enters into, adopts and adheres to the Agreement set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance. Agreement adopted.

3. The preference granted by the said Agreement to the goods enumerated in Schedule A to such Agreement, the produce or manufacture of Canada, shall be granted to similar goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and of Newfoundland. Preferential duties on certain goods.

4. This Ordinance shall not come into operation unless and until the Officer Administering the Government notifies by proclamation that it is His Majesty's pleasure not to Commence ment.

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disallow the same, and thereafter it shall come into operation upon such day as the Officer Administering the Government shall notify by the same or any other proclamation.

Passed in Council this Twenty-sixthth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nineth hundred and thirteen.

ALFRED TAITT,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

 THE SCHEDULE.

 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND CERTAIN OF THE WEST
 INDIAN COLONIES.

AGREEMENT entered into this ninth day of April, 1912, by the Government of His Majesty's Dominion of Canada, represented herein by the Honourable George Eulas Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Honourable William Thomas White, Minister of Finance, and the Honourable John Dowsley Reid, Minister of Customs;

AND

the Governments of :—

Trinidad, represented herein by Henry Barclay Walcott, Collector of Customs;
 British Guiana, represented herein by John McIntosh Reid, Comptroller of Customs;

Barbados, represented herein by Dr. William Kelman Chandler, L.L.D., C.M.G.,
 Master in Chancery;

St. Lucia, represented herein by Edward John Cameron, C.M.G., Administrator of the Colony;

St. Vincent, represented herein by Francis William Griffith, Supervisor of Customs;

Antigua, represented herein by William Douglas Auchinleck, I.S.O., Auditor-General;

St. Kitts, represented herein by Thomas Laurence Roxburgh, C.M.G., Administrator of the Presidency;

Dominica, represented herein by William Henry Porter, I.S.O., Treasurer;
 and

Montserrat, represented herein by Lieutenant-Colonel Wilfred Bennett Davidson-Houston, C.M.G., Commissioner of the Presidency.

It is agreed between the Government of the Dominion and the Governments of the above-mentioned Colonies severally that:

1. On all goods enumerated in Schedule A, being the produce or manufacture of Canada, imported into any of the above-mentioned Colonies, the duties of Customs shall not at any time be more than four-fifths of the duties imposed in the Colony on similar goods when imported from any foreign country; provided that on flour the preference in favour of Canada shall not at any time be less than 12 cents per 100 lbs.

2. On all goods enumerated in Schedule B, being the produce or manufacture of any of the above-mentioned Colonies, imported into the Dominion of Canada, the duties of Customs shall not at any time be more than four-fifths of the duties imposed on similar goods when imported from any foreign country; provided (a) that on raw sugar not above No. 16, Dutch standard, in colour, and molasses testing over 56 degrees and not over 75 degrees by the polariscope, the preference in favour of the Colony shall not at any time be less than 4½ cents per 100 lbs., and for each additional degree over 75 degrees the preference shall not be less than ½ cent per 100 lbs.

(b.) On all goods enumerated in Schedule C hereto, being the produce or manufacture of any of the above-mentioned Colonies, imported into the Dominion of Canada there shall be no duties of Customs, but on the like goods, when imported from any foreign country, the duties of Customs shall not be less than those therein set out.

(c.) The Act of the Parliament of Canada entitled "An Act respecting duties of Customs" assented to on the 12th day of April, 1907, as amended by Chapter 10 of the Acts of the Parliament of Canada, 1909, shall, in addition to the amendments necessary to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this section, be amended as follows:—

- (1.) Tariff item 135c to be repealed;
- (2.) Tariff item 137a to be repealed;
- (3.) So as to provide that upon arrowroot the produce of any of the said Colonies imported into the Dominion of Canada the duties of Customs shall not exceed fifty cents per one hundred pounds.

(d.) It is understood that the Canadian Customs Tariff item 135b shall not be affected by Section 2 of this agreement before the end of December, 1914, when the said Tariff item expires, and that the said tariff item shall not be thereafter continued while this agreement is in force. It is also understood that in determining the rates of duty payable on goods under said Section 2 the rates provided for in the said tariff item 135b shall not apply.

3. The concessions granted under Section 2 by Canada to any of the above-mentioned Colonies shall be extended to all the other Colonies enumerated in Schedule D for a period of three years from the day on which this agreement shall come into operation, and at the end of such period of three years such concessions to the other Colonies may cease and determine as respects any of the said Colonies which shall not have granted to Canada the advantages set forth in Section 1.

4. The Governments of any of the above-mentioned Colonies may provide that, to be entitled to the concessions granted in Section 1, the products of Canada shall be conveyed by ship direct without transshipment from a Canadian port into the said Colony or by the way of one of the other Colonies entitled to the advantages of this Agreement.

5. The Government of Canada may provide that, to be entitled to the concessions granted in Section 2, the products of any of the above-mentioned Colonies shall be conveyed by ship direct without transshipment from the said Colony or from one of the other Colonies entitled to the advantages of this Agreement into a sea or river port of Canada.

6. Provided that should the discretion herein granted be at any time exercised by the Government of Canada, provision shall be made in all contracts entered into with steamships subsidized by the Dominion plying between ports in Canada and ports in the Colonies, which are parties to this agreement, for an effective control of rates of freight.

7. This Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Parliament of Canada and of the Legislatures of the above-mentioned Colonies, and of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and upon such approval being given it shall be brought into operation at such time as may be agreed upon between the contracting parties by a Proclamation to be published in the *Canada Gazette* and in the *Official Gazette* of each of the said Colonies.

8. After this Agreement shall have been in force for the period of ten years it may be terminated by any one of the parties thereto (in respect of such party) at the end of one year after the day upon which notice shall have been given by the party desiring such termination.

In testimony whereof the said parties have signed this Agreement in decemPLICATE,

Done at Ottawa this ninth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

GEORGE E. FOSTER, Canada.
 J. D. REID, Canada.
 W. T. WHITE, Canada.
 (Per GEORGE H. PERLEY, Acting Minister.)
 EDWARD J. CAMERON, St. Lucia.
 J. M. REID, British Guiana.
 H. B. WALCOTT, Trinidad.
 W. K. CHANDLER, Barbados.
 FRANCIS W. GRIFFITH, St. Vincent.
 W. H. PORTER, Dominica.
 WILFRED B. DAVIDSON-HOUSTON, Montserrat.
 W. D. AUCHINLECH, Antigua.
 T. LAURENCE ROXBURGH, St. Kitts-Nevis.

SCHEDULE "A."

Schedule of Canadian goods to enjoy the benefits of the Customs Preferential Tariff when imported into the Colony:—

Fish, canned.
 Fish, dried, salted, or smoked.
 Fish, pickled.
 Meats, salted or cured.
 Meats, canned.
 Meats, fresh, and poultry (dead).
 Wheat flour.
 Indian meal.
 Rolled oats and oatmeal.
 Cereal foods.
 Bran and pollard.
 Bread and biscuits of all kinds.
 Oats.
 Beans and peas, whole or split.
 Coal, bituminous.
 Butter.
 Cheese.
 Lard.
 Hay.
 Horses, cows, oxen, bulls, sheep, swine, and poultry (living).
 Brooms and brushes.
 Boots, shoes, and slippers.
 Cordage.
 Agricultural machinery and implements of all kinds.
 Iron and steel nails, spikes, rivets, and clinches.
 Wire (including barbed wire), woven wire fencing, and metal gates.
 Machinery (including motor and other engines), steam boilers, electric machinery, and electric dental appliances of all kinds.
 Vehicles, including automobiles and motor cars.
 Manufactures of india-rubber.
 Paints, colours, and varnishes.
 Paper of all kinds and manufactures of paper.
 Vegetables of all kinds, including potatoes, onions, and canned vegetables.
 Soap.

 SCHEDULE "A."—CONTINUED.

House, office, cabinet, or store furniture of wood, iron, or other material; including cash registers, coffins, caskets, casket robes and linings, and casket hardware.

Planks, boards, deals, joists, scantlings, shingles, shooks, staves, and headings.

Doors, sashes, and blinds.

Pianos and organs.

Starch.

Trunks, valises, travelling and tool bags, and baskets of all kinds.

Cement.

Glass bottles, lamps, lamp chimneys, and table glassware.

Nickel-plated, gilt, or electroplated ware.

Calcium carbide.

Linseed oil cake and linseed oil cake meal.

Fresh fruits.

Canned and bottled fruits.

Condensed milk.

 SCHEDULE "B."

Schedule of West Indian products to enjoy the benefits of the Customs Preferential Tariff when imported into Canada—

Sugar, molasses and syrups.

Shredded sugar cane.

Fresh fruits of all kinds.

Coconuts.

Asphalt and manjak.

Coffee.

Cotton, raw, cotton seed, and cotton seed meal.

Cotton seed oil.

Rice, uncleaned, rice cleaned, and rice flour and rice meal and rice bran.

Petroleum, crude.

Oils, coal and kerosine, distilled, purified or refined petroleum.

Copra and coconut oil.

Rubber, raw, and balata.

Bulbs.

Logwood and logwood extract.

Annatto.

Turtle shell, unmanufactured.

Ginger, nutmegs, and spices, unground.

Arrowroot.

Salt.

Sponges.

Vegetables, fresh, of all kinds.

Tapioca and cassava.

Tapioca and cassava flour.

Honey and beeswax.

Oils, essential, including bay oil and otto of limes.

Tamarinds, fresh or preserved.

Cattle food containing molasses.

Pea nuts and kola nuts.

Diamonds, uncut.

Timber or lumber of wood not further manufactured than sawn or split.

SCHEDULE "B."—CONTINUED.

Timber or lumber of wood, dressed.
 Vanilla beans.
 Bay leaves.
 Papaine.
 Lime juice, fruit syrups, and fruit juices, non-alcoholic.

SCHEDULE "C."

<i>Goods.</i>	<i>Duty when Imported from any Foreign Country.</i>
Cocoa beans, not roasted, crushed or ground	Not less than 75c. per 100 pounds.
Lime juice, raw and concentrated, not refined	Not less than 5c. per gallon.
Limes, fresh.	Not less than 10 per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> .

SCHEDULE "D."

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 Bermuda.
 British Honduras.
 Grenada.
 Jamaica.
 Newfoundland.

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