

Various modifications in tariff rates have been made under special trade arrangements, but the British Preferential rates, which are applicable to numerous types of goods from many parts of the Commonwealth, are always the most favourable. In return for this special treatment, Canadian goods enjoy similar tariff advantages in many Commonwealth countries.

Tariff Arrangements in Force as of Nov. 30, 1952.—In the following list, contracting countries under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (G.A.T.T.) are indicated. In the case of a number of countries belonging to G.A.T.T., other trade arrangements with Canada remain in force and the terms of these are given in the statement.

Tariff and Trade Arrangements with Commonwealth Countries, as at Nov. 30, 1952

Country	Treaty or Convention	Terms
UNITED KINGDOM.....	Trade Agreement signed Feb. 23, 1937; in force Sept. 1, 1937. Modified by an Exchange of Letters Nov. 16, 1938, resulting from United Kingdom - United States Trade Agreement of Nov. 17, 1938. Further modified by General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and Exchange of Notes Oct. 30, 1947. G.A.T.T. effective Jan. 1, 1948.	Various concessions by both countries, including exchange of lowest tariff rates (some minor reservations by Canada) and binding against increase of scheduled preferential duties. Extends also to Colonial Empire.
AUSTRALIA.....	Trade Agreement signed July 8, 1931, in force Aug. 3, 1931. G.A.T.T. effective Jan. 1, 1948.	Each country accords the other reduced rates on schedules of goods, and otherwise (with a few exceptions in Australia) exchanges its British Preferential Tariffs with the other. Made for one year and thereafter until terminated on six months notice.
NEW ZEALAND.....	Trade Agreement signed Apr. 23, 1932; in force May 24, 1932. G.A.T.T. effective July 26, 1948.	Exchange specific preferences on scheduled goods and otherwise concede British Preferential Tariffs reciprocally. Made for one year, but kept in force by short-term extensions. Since Sept. 30, 1941, in force until terminated on six months notice.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA	Trade Agreement signed Aug. 20, 1932; in force Oct. 13, 1932. G.A.T.T. effective June 14, 1948.	Agreement extends list of preferences formerly exchanged in absence of formal Agreement. Made for five years and thereafter until terminated on six months notice.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA..	Trade Agreement of Aug. 20, 1932, terminated on Jan. 2, 1938, on notice from Southern Rhodesia. Provisions have, nevertheless, continued in force. G.A.T.T. effective May 19, 1948.	Canada accords British Preferential Treatment and Southern Rhodesia tariff preferences granted to other Commonwealth Countries.