

the Canadian government and people to the anomalous conditions of our shipping trade:

"There has to be some arrangement by which you get better shipping terms. Do you know that the freight from Antwerp to Montreal is eight shillings and from Montreal to London twenty shillings a ton? What is that doing but giving foreign trade an unfair advantage and penalising the Canadian manufacturer? Is that patriotic? That state of things should change. It is not necessary, either. I know it costs much more to load and unload ships than to transport the cargo from one port to another. The cost of transportation is relatively small. I may illustrate that by telling you that, while the freight from Antwerp to Montreal is eight shillings, that from Antwerp to London is five shillings six pence. Two shillings and six pence represents the difference of all the rest of the way across the Atlantic. The freights from New York are much cheaper than from here, again placing a hardship on the Canadian manufacturer".

Is it credible that our trade with Antwerp should get the benefit of rates lower by 60% than those to and from Liverpool?

Most of our trade via Antwerp is trade with Germany. It was stated recently by one of the chief officials of the most important milling concern in Canada, that a large proportion of the wheat and flour exported from Canada in the last two years is now stored in German granaries and warehouses.

### Canada feeds the Germans

We have heard much, during those two years, of the 'German menace'. It was urged, by men who pretend to have long foreseen the danger, that Canada ought to meet it by increasing the naval forces of the Empire. Would it not have been just as practical to take some measures to prevent the enemies of the Empire from storing food at Great Britain's and our own expense? Even to-day, why does not Canada follow the example of Australia and take efficient measures to prevent our food supply from going, via New York and Rotterdam, to feed the 'barbarians' so fiercely denounced by our patriots? Thanks to the improvidence of our Saviours of Empire and the greediness of some of our traders, — many

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