

UNITED STATES BUSINESS MEN BELIEVE MOVE To Curtail Buying from Them on Account of Exchange Only Temporary.

CANADA SECOND BEST CUSTOMER

Latest Returns Show Big Falling off in Imports from States.

New York, May 10.—(By Canadian Press).—Since Canada is the second best customer of the United States, the best being Great Britain, American business men have been paying close attention to the movement recently inaugurated in the Dominion to increase trade with the Mother Country with a view of regulating exchange conditions between Canada and the United States. The move made has been in the direction of limiting Canadian purchases from American business houses so that the adverse balance of trade reflected in the depreciation of the Canadian dollar in exchange may be corrected.

Observers on this side of the international boundary line admit that American business has already felt the effects of the Canadian campaign, although probably not to the extent its promoters anticipated. In many lines Canadian imports of American goods have declined, but this is believed to be due, at least in part, to the adverse exchange rate itself, and not to the movement to correct that rate.

American business men who have given their views on the subject to the Canadian Press express the opinion that the campaign in Canada, like the adverse exchange rate itself, will be a purely temporary affair. When the exchange rate returns to normal, the Canadian campaign will be abandoned.

The possibility of a restoration of the former business relations between Canada and Great Britain, to the detriment of American manufacturers, does not appear to be seriously considered here. It is argued, for one thing, that Great Britain will be unable to supply the Canadian demand for goods, as her factories are unable to take care of the domestic needs. The increase in Canadian imports from Great Britain is regarded here as normal trade readjustment following war conditions.

The result of the adverse exchange rate against Canada in the American market is seen in statistics of Canadian-American trade for the seven months ending at the close of January, which reveal a decline in purchases from the United States. As an indication of the present trend it may be expected that a substantial decrease will be recorded in the next report with a corresponding increase in Canadian imports from Great Britain.

According to the Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce (Washington), Canada bought goods to the value of \$483,529,250 from the United States during the seven months ending January of this year, as against \$512,472,967 for the corresponding period ending January, 1919. Canada's sales to the United States for these periods were \$239,016,730 and \$292,490,855 respectively. Thus the excess of imports representing Canada's adverse balance of trade with the United States in the seven months ending January, 1920, was \$162,142,485 against \$249,982,119 for the same period ending January, 1919, a reduction of about \$80,000,000.

In spite, however, of the shifting balance, Canada is shown as being still the second greatest buyer in the United States markets. Great Britain is an easy first, and France a close third. In the seven months ending January, 1920, Canada bought twice as much goods from the United States as the whole of South America.

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(Moncton Times) On May 3rd Chief Rideout rounded out his 13th successive year as head of the city force. On May 3rd, 1907, he arrived in the city from Fredericton and assumed command of the force of seven officers, who comprised the strength of the active end of the police department at that time. During his thirteen years as Chief of Police in Moncton he has seen a good many of his fellow chief constables in other Maritime Province cities and towns come and go. St. John had had in the last dozen years three or four chiefs, Halifax as many. Fredericton has experienced a number of changes, as well as Amherst and Sydney. While his attention was called to this fact Chief Rideout said that it was not because of any degree of worthiness of his own, but chiefly owing to the fact that the citizenship of Moncton were ever and at all times ready to come forward with such a large measure of assistance and co-operation toward the forces of law and order, that the path of duty was made much more easy to follow. Moncton today is first in that time, and as for general appearance, it is only a fact to state that a visitor to the city at the present time, after a dozen years' absence would scarcely know the place. Moncton's police department is keeping pace with the growth and development of the city. The force of seven, which did duty thirteen years ago has now practically doubled and in the very near future, it is to be further increased to eighteen men. Further evidence that the force is keeping up with the spirit of the times, is furnished by the recent adoption of the eight hour day system of patrol duty. In the matter of efficiency and adherence to duty, Moncton's police force, takes second place to none, a position which, as long as the present Chief of Police remains in charge will not be relinquished.

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