

3. Meeting of Joint Economic Committees

The Joint Economic Committees of Canada and the United States, meeting in Montreal for a three-day session, through Sunday, November 9, took cognizance of the new Canadian-United States joint committee on defense production established by Prime Minister King and President Roosevelt as a result of their recent recommendation.

In addition, the Committees examined the progress made in transactions under the Hyde Park declaration to the end of September 30 and explored the obstacles presented by tariffs between the two countries to the exchange of defense articles.

The bulk of the session, however, was devoted to a study of the major question of economic collaboration in the post-war period. In post-war studies of the Committees, attention was given not only to the nature of the problem, but also to the development of effective international machinery for their solution. The interrelations of the Canadian and United States economies in the post-war period were reviewed both by themselves and in the light of the likely and desirable framework of world trade and exchange organization.

4. Meeting of Permanent Joint Board on Defence

A meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence was held in New York on November 10, and 11, 1941.

5. Meeting of Canadian and United States officials on Tax Problems

Further meetings were held in Washington in November between Canadian and United States officials concerning tax problems arising out of Canadian and United States fiscal legislation.

6. Proposed Canada - United States Extradition Treaty

Consideration has been given in the past few months to the proposal that a new comprehensive extradition treaty should be entered into between the United States and Canada to replace the series of treaties and conventions, all but one of which were entered into by Great Britain and the United States, which now governs extradition between the two countries. On November 10, 11 and 12 in Washington, D.C. representatives of the Canadian Government met representatives of the United States Government, for discussion of the proposed treaty. The conferences took place at the State Department in Washington and resulted in complete agreement on a new draft which embodies several changes from the provisions which at present apply. It is expected that a final draft of the treaty will be in readiness at an early date.

From the Canadian point of view, special importance is attached to the projected treaty since it will be the first comprehensive extradition treaty ever to be negotiated by Canada, and thus will serve, in many respects, as a model for future treaties.