

Income Tax Convention between Canada and the United States  
Statement of Prime Minister, June 15, 1921

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the exchange took place in Washington the Convention for the adjustment of taxation of income for taxation purposes between Canada and the United States. The Convention was signed on March 2, 1921, and is the first of its kind in the world. It covers the prevention of fiscal evasion in the case of income taxes. The Convention is effective as from January 1, 1921.

Letter Sent to Canadian and Allied Prisoners of War  
Prime Minister, June 15, 1921

Ever since the outbreak of hostilities, the Canadian Government in collaboration with the other Governments of the Commonwealth and the United States Government have been endeavouring to find means of supplying relief supplies to Canadian and Allied prisoners of war and interests in the various countries. Following meetings with representatives of the various countries, it was decided that relief supplies should be sent to the prisoners of war in the form of parcels and letters of the Government of the United States and Great Britain. It was also decided that these supplies should be forwarded on a neutral vessel direct from the United States to Hong Kong. This proved impossible as the Government of the Japanese Government was not prepared to allow an American vessel to call at their ports. It was therefore decided that the supplies should be sent forward on the Japanese exchange ship which just sailed from New York for Japanese waters. These supplies will be transferred to the Japanese exchange ship at the point where they will be delivered to the prisoners of war. The International Red Cross Committee through the efforts of the Japanese Government to Hong Kong and distribution arrangements for the supplies.

The agreement with the Japanese Government is reciprocal and the exchange ship from Japan will carry supplies for Canadian prisoners in the United States, Canada and elsewhere.

The arrangements made by the Canadian and American Red Cross Societies in collaboration with the Department of External Affairs cover the sending forward of supplies and relief supplies, food, tobacco, clothing and comforts. Such supplies will be accompanied by a neutral observer. 2 pages enclosed.