

5. Income Tax Convention between Canada and the United States,
statement of Prime Minister, June 15, 1942

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the exchange took place in Washington this morning of the instruments of ratification of the Income Tax Convention between Canada and the United States. The Convention, which was signed on March 4, 1942, deals with the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion in the case of income taxes. The Convention is effective as from January 1, 1941.

6. Relief Supplies to Canadian and Allied Prisoners of War,
press statement of June 17, 1942

Ever since the capitulation of Hong Kong, the Canadian Government in collaboration with the other Governments of the Commonwealth and the United States Government have been endeavouring to find means of sending relief supplies to Canadian and Allied prisoners of war and internees in the Hong Kong area. Following meetings with representatives of the various Governments concerned which were held in London and Washington earlier in the year and meetings of the representatives of the various Red Cross Societies, it was agreed that relief supplies for the China Coast should be shipped from this continent by the Canadian and American Red Cross Societies. It was at first anticipated that these supplies would go forward on a neutral vessel direct from the Pacific Coast to Hong Kong. This proved impossible as the agreement of the Japanese Government was not secured. An Agreement was reached however that supplies would be sent forward on the diplomatic exchange ship which just sailed from New York for Lourenco Marques. There the supplies will be transferred to the Japanese exchange ship to be taken to Japan where they will be delivered to the Delegate of the International Red Cross Committee there who will arrange for their shipment to Hong Kong and distribution.

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

The arrangements made by the Canadian and American Red Cross Societies in collaboration with the Departments of the Government concerned cover the sending forward of surgical and medical supplies, food, tobacco, clothing and comforts. Each ship will be accompanied by a neutral observer, a Swiss national