

U. S. PLAYS FORCEFUL PART TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Helping to Exploit Canada's
Resources and Inter-
national Trade.

(F. C. Mears in Toronto Globe)
The United States of America is playing a forceful part in the development and expansion of Canada's commerce within the Empire, in addition to being, in the totality, Canada's largest customer. Strange as it may seem to the traditional Imperialists, the American Republic is a real factor in lifting this Dominion to a higher place in the Commonwealth of British Dominions.

There is borne out by figures and argument in an enlightening memorandum upon Canada's trade and industrial relations within the Empire which has been prepared for use at the Imperial Economic Conference.

"So far as Canada's development in the past has been stimulated by external trade, the stimulus has been due mainly to Empire buying, but also largely to United States buying," says the memorandum. "The effect of Empire buying has been chiefly reflected in Canada's huge development of farm lands, while the impetus to the development of Canada's forests, fisheries and minerals has been due much more to United States buying than any other factor. Thus Empire markets and United States markets are both immensely important, and furthermore, are complementary from the standpoint of meeting Canada's needs. Each is essential to Canadian development.

Stimulus of U. S. Purchasing.
"Their respective demands are focused largely on different classes of Canadian resources. In other words, Canada's proximity to the United States has given a strong impetus to the extension of Canada's development along lines not greatly affected by Empire needs, and the American market has in that manner been a powerful instrument for promoting the fuller utilization of those Empire resources that are situated within the Dominion."

Further, the memorandum, discussing the steps to be taken at the conference looking to this fuller utilization, says that it is evidently the intention of the Imperial Government to make certain definite proposals, but, as the nature of these is not indicated in the agenda, there can yet be no discussion of them. There is, though, good ground on which to move. The machinery for close Imperial co-operation in the development of our natural resources is practically complete as regards Canada. Our several Federal departments concerned are well organized, and in a position to undertake any work which may be required. As amateur of fact, such inquiry as time has permitted has been made, as the departments of his Majesty's Government, nor the several Dominions have approached our services here with the view to co-operation.

Closer In Touch With U. S.
"It is interesting to observe that without formal arrangement, and the result of an apparently spontaneous desire to achieve concrete results, practically every branch of the Federal service dealing with natural resources is in close touch with the cognate service in the United States. This practice appears to have developed as a result of the case with which the Canadian service is able to get in touch with the corresponding department south of the line. The same facility does not at present exist with reference to the Imperial service. The adoption of a policy of more direct relationship would undoubtedly tend to obtain greater co-operation than may be expected to result from formal conferences."

Finally, in summing up Canada's commercial position as it relates to the Empire, the memorandum points out: "Canada's commercial position is such that any specific proposal or programme of Empire co-operation for the fuller utilization of natural resources or for the development of Empire trade must involve a searching inquiry into the question of whether its effect would really be to strengthen the forces that make for the progress of Canadian, and thereby of Empire development. The Dominion's position is radically different from that of those portions of the Empire whose commercial outlets are not only largely but almost solely within the Empire."

Including Einstein?
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FIGHT COMPETITION OF PRISON LABOR


(New York Tribune.)
Opposition to the campaign against prison-made garments now being conducted by the International Association of Garment Manufacturers has resulted in a rebuffing of the efforts of the association to bring the question sharply and clearly before wholesalers and retailers as well as the general public.

"We know that there is opposition to our plan to do away with the manufacture of garments in prisons under the existing contract system for sale to the general public," said A. F. Allison, secretary of the garment manufacturing association yesterday, and we are trying to drag this opposition out into the open daylight. Only this week we were informed that certain jobbers in New Orleans had received letters of complaint from retailers about our campaign against prison-made goods. Although the specific names of the jobbers and retailers in question were not mentioned, we have no quarrel with individuals and we have no desire or intention of dealing in personalities. Although a number of our manufacturers are directly injured by this prison competition, the majority are not, yet the whole association is committed to this fight."

"It is only natural, of course, and we realized it when we entered this campaign, that some jobbers and retailers would oppose it at first. We also knew that our motives and actions probably would be misunderstood by prison contractors and their friends. We welcome every criticism of our campaign and hope that the widest publicity will be given to any statements opposing us. We think it will take a lot of explaining to make clear and to justify the fact that prison-made goods are not properly identified when sold to the consumer. Our efforts to force identification have led to the greatest opposition to the plan. This, we think, proves that the opposition is keen to keep hidden facts, which, if generally known, probably would react unfavorably on prison-made garments and those engaged in handling them. What we want most of all now, is to see that every merchant and every consumer is apprised of all the facts in connection with the fight."

The association admits that it has a selfish interest at stake in fighting prison-made goods. Under the contract labor system, prisoners engaged in the production of such garments are paid an extremely low wage, thus lowering the cost of manufacture to the contractor and enabling him to undersell those manufacturers who employ free labor at the prevailing wage rates in their communities. In addition to fighting against this system, the association is urging a general movement to co-ordinate and organize the productive possibilities in penal institutions, to supply goods for state use only and to give a better training to convicts to enable them to make a decent living when released from prison.

"We believe," said Mr. Allison, "that the present system is not only bad business from a general economic standpoint, but from the standpoint of the state and the prisoner as well. Let the prison contractor weep crocodile tears over selfish efforts to take the poor convict away from his pet sewing machine. We are sure that the general public has a broad interest in this fight for the proper handling of the whole prison question is of vital importance to every citizen. We want the general



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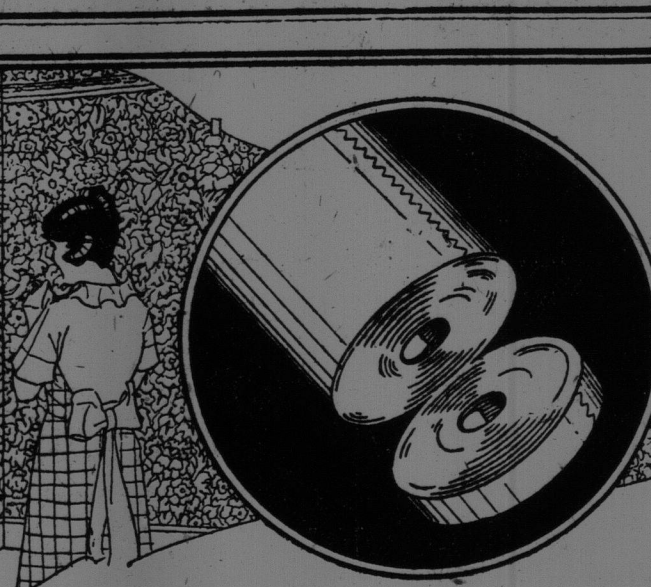


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The association is receiving many requests from retailers for a complete list of all brands under which prison-made garments are offered for sale. This shows a widespread interest in the fight, the association believes, and will lead to definite developments within the near future.

**PAYMASTER SLAIN
DEFENDING MONEY**
Bandits, After Killing Constructing Employee, Flee Without Cent.
New York, Sept. 6.—With friends in easy calling distance and with little

fear of attack in the broad daylight, a construction company paymaster walked into the arms of two hold-up men in Astoria, Queens, and died protecting the payroll.

As the sound of night, ending with the report of two shots from an automatic pistol, brought workmen from a row of unfinished houses on the run, the two robbers fled to their automobile at the curb and raced away toward Flushing, empty handed. Investigation showed they did not get a nickel.

The paymaster was George Miller, 35 years old, who lived with his wife and two children at 65 Carver street, Astoria. He was a boss lather for the Stratford Lumber and Coal Company of 297 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, whose men are engaged in constructing a number of houses in Forest Hills and Astoria.

The men in Astoria were working on a row of fifteen houses at Van Alst Avenue and McCullum Place. There were twenty-four lathers there to be paid by Miller, and he had paid five when the robbers attacked him in an unfinished room on the ground floor of one of the houses.

John Miller, 17 years old, a son of the slain man, was at work in one of the houses when his father was shot. He was employed as a carpenter's helper. He had not been paid yet when the shooting occurred.

Miller had the money in individual envelopes which had been made up at the company's Manhattan offices. The money had been drawn from a bank Thursday afternoon and Miller started out with about \$1,400 for the men on both jobs.

Earlier he had gone to Forest Hills and paid off the workmen there without trouble. He then proceeded to Astoria. He paid four men in one house and found a fifth, Daniel Cotter, at work on the second floor of another. As he gave Cotter his envelope, a sedan automobile drew up at the curb. Two men alighted and came toward the house, but received scant notice. Miller came down the stairway, ab-

sorbed in looking over the names on the nineteen envelopes which remained. He started for the door when something made him look up and as he found himself gazing down a pistol barrel. A rough voice ordered him to throw up his hands and had over the money.

Instead of doing so, Miller took an involuntary step backward and stuffed the envelopes in his pocket. The two men came after him, there was a short

struggle and the pistol sounded twice. As Miller crumpled to the floor, Cotter could be heard at the head of the stairs, coming to find out what was the trouble. The robbers, apparently fearing that there was more than one, made no effort to get the envelopes from Miller's pocket, but ran to their automobile. They had left its engine running and were away with a roar. When Cotter and others reached the street, they were half a block away.

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