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The objects and work of the Branch are described on p. 920.

The "British Industries Fair" (see p. 872) will be held in the buildings of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W., from 21st February to 3rd March, 1916; address—Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch (British Industries Fair), 32, Cheapside, E.C.; Telephone, **City 2323.**

Attention is called to the following samples which are on view in the Enquiry Room of the Branch at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. :—

Samples.	Reference in "Board of Trade Journal."	
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Native Hardwoods from Brazil	16th " "	737
Tanning Extract from Japan	2nd " "	588
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OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received in the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom who wish to get

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into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers or producers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Applications from (A) firms at home, and (B) firms abroad, for the names of manufacturers or producers of the following (amongst other) articles have been recorded during the past week:—

A.

Boxes—	Jewellery, imitation, for cheap bazaar trade.
Dice boxes, in cardboard, wood, or other material.	Leatherboard.
Round boxes of wood-pulp with metal tops and bottoms and lever lids.	Margarine, free from animal fat.
Chemicals—	Milk powder.
Calcined bone ash.	Needles, knitting machine.
Luminous calcium sulphide.	Oil, crude, for use with semi-Diesel engines.
Sodium sulphide, 60 per cent.	Pins, curling.
Clog soles, and irons.	Press buttons for purses, &c.
Dice, bone, cheap.	Quoits, rubber, cheap.
Fancy goods, for cheap bazaar trade.	Stationery, in penny packet lines.
Glass tubes, for hypodermic syringes.	Talc sheets.
Jars, stone.	Toys, for cheap bazaar trade.
	Velveteen.
	Wooden articles, for cheap bazaar trade.

B.

Knives, pocket (France).	Paper, coloured tissue, for artificial flowers (Spain).
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United Kingdom firms interested in any of the above-mentioned enquiries are invited to write to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., with a view to being placed in communication with the enquirers.

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NOTE.—*In reading the following notices of possible openings for United Kingdom goods abroad, regard should be had to the list of articles, the exportation of which from the United Kingdom is prohibited under various Proclamations and Orders-in-Council—see the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th October; also pp. 300-1 of the "Journal" of 4th November; pp. 523-5 of the "Journal" of 25th November; pp. 740-1 of the "Journal" of 16th December; pp. 807-8 of the "Journal" of 23rd December; and p. 873 of this issue.*

Regard should also be had to the Royal Proclamation (see p. 952 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30th September) prohibiting exports to China and Siam unless consigned to authorised persons or bodies of persons—see notice on p. 449 of the "Journal" of 18th Novem-

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ber, and to the notice on p. 876 of this issue regarding enquiries as to consignees in Persia, Morocco, Liberia, or Portuguese East Africa.

Attention is also drawn to the notices published from time to time in the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the issue of licences to export certain goods, viz.:—

Coal and coke, pp. 445-6, 13th May; pp. 666-7, 3rd June; pp. 363-4 and p. 366, 5th August; p. 430, 12th August; p. 595, 26th August; p. 23, 7th October; p. 172, 21st October; and p. 375, 11th November.

Cotton yarn and thread, raw cotton and cotton waste, p. 89, 8th July.

†Goods contracted for with Allied Governments, p. 368, 5th August.

Goods for purely industrial purposes in Allied Countries, p. 368, 5th August.

†Leather for French Army boots, p. 24, 1st July.

Rough diamonds, p. 366, 5th August; and pp. 747-8, 9th September.

Rubber, p. 22, 1st April.

Tin, tin chloride and tin ore, pp. 815-6, 25th March.

Wool and woollen goods, p. 811 of the "Journal" of 23rd December.

Crossbred and similar wool, p. 885, 23rd September.

Crossbred wool tops, p. 173, 21st October.

East India wool, p. 173, 21st October.

Applications for licences to export any goods the exportation of which is prohibited or restricted should be made to the **War Trade Department, 4, Central Buildings, Westminster, London, S.W.**, except in the two cases marked †, in which cases applications should be addressed to the **Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement, India House, Kingsway, London, W.C.**

BRITISH INDIA.

The following information regarding openings for trade in British India is extracted from the Review of the Trade of India in the year ended 31st March, 1915, by the Director of Statistics to the Indian Government:—

Electrical machinery for use in connection with water power plant has great capabilities of expansion. The total number of electrical installations in India is already large and is increasing. All the larger towns and chief ports possess electric light and electric tramways, or are about to use power for these purposes. A gradually increasing market for electrical machinery is anticipated.

In recent years the collieries of India have largely adopted *electrical equipment* and here German goods have found an opening.

The Calcutta market has in late years been flooded with cheap German materials for electric wiring, such as cables, switches, ceiling roses and cut-outs.

Electrical Wiring Accessories.

Since the outbreak of hostilities this source of supply has ceased and the United Kingdom is likely to capture the German trade in these goods, provided the requirements of the market are carefully studied.

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BRITISH INDIA—continued.

In view of the increasing requirements of mills and factories in India for *machinery* and *millwork*, the market for this class of goods is promising. It is necessary, however, for the agents and commercial travellers of manufacturing firms to encourage the use of their machinery by actual demonstration as far as possible to mill-owners and others interested in Indian industries.

Machinery and Millwork.

The imports of earthenware and porcelain into India came chiefly from the United Kingdom, although an appreciable quantity was also imported from Germany and Austria-Hungary. The German-made goods under this heading consisted chiefly of *earthenware*, *cups and saucers*, and *china clay insulators*.

Earthenware and Porcelain.

Imports of *haberdashery* from Germany included *cotton coloured edgings*; *net laces*, sold very largely as trimmings for apparel; *torchon laces*—a cheap imitation of the well-known torchon edging and insertion of British manufacture; and from both Germany and Austria-Hungary were imported large quantities of imitation Irish *trimmings*.

Edgings; Laces; Trimmings.

Imports of *enamelled ware* into British India declined from £186,700 in 1913-14 to £66,700 in 1914-15. This was the most important line of imports from Austria-Hungary, which supplied £120,000 worth of enamelled ware in the year ended 31st March, 1914, and £60,000 worth in the four months April to July, 1914.

Enamelled Ware.

Large orders have been placed for British enamelled ware to replace supplies from Austria, but it is pointed out that while British goods are slightly cheaper than the "Gun" brand of Austrian make, the latter are preferred for their superior shape and finish. The bulk of the trade is done in *bowls*, *rice dishes*, *soup plates* and *tumblers*.

Metal lamps have been largely imported from Germany (principally *hurricane lanterns*) and Austria-Hungary (principally *table and hanging lamps of various descriptions*). A feature of the trade in metal lamps is the enormous strides which have been made by the United States in capturing this trade. The combined value of the imports of these goods from Germany and Austria-Hungary in 1913-14 was £100,000, and in the four months April to July, 1914, £33,300.

Metal Lamps.

According to a report received at the India Office from the Government of the United Provinces of India, stocks of *Cotton Goods*. British manufactured *cotton goods* in the United Provinces were, at the date of writing (9th November), from 20 to 30 per cent. lower than in January last, but almost normal for the time of the year, owing to previous overbuying. Demand had been poor for some time and dealers on the whole were said to have lost money. There was, however, every reason to expect that in the course of November the demand would improve, and continue fair up to the end of the year. (C. 44,495.)

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CANADA.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports the receipt of the following enquiries:—

A Montreal business man wishes to obtain agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of **Tapestries ; Cretonnes ; Art Fabrics ; Woollen, and Worsted Cloths ; Underclothing.** *of tapestries, cretonnes, art fabrics, woollens and worsted cloths, and underclothing. See Note† following.*

(C.I.B. 58,767.)

A firm of agents for builders' supplies in Winnipeg desires to obtain agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of **Brushes ; Hardware.** *brushes and hardware—especially chains and enamelled ware. A representative of this firm is at present in the United Kingdom, and has furnished an address in this country to which communications may be sent. See Note† following.*

(C.I.B. 58,294.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of U.K. goods, desirous of appointing agents in Canada, may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. The appropriate reference number should be quoted.

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The following enquiries have been received at the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., *whence further information may be obtained.*

(C.I.B. 59,457.)

A Liverpool firm asks to be placed in touch with the owners of **Canadian Manganese Ore wanted.** *Canadian mines producing manganese ore.*

A Lancashire firm desires the addresses of Canadian shippers of **Canadian Fish and Poultry wanted.** *frozen fish and also of poultry.*

Note.—For further information regarding either of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NEW ZEALAND.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand (Mr. W. G. Wickham) reports that tenders will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, Raetihi (North Island), up to 4 p.m. on 14th March, 1916,* for the supply and erection of a 40 k.w. *hydro-electric generating set, switchboard, &c.*

Copies of the specification and drawing may be obtained from Messrs. H. W. Climie and Son, Raetihi, N.Z., on payment of a deposit of £1, which will be refunded on receipt of a *bona fide* tender.

(C.I.B. 58,410.)

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and, owing to forms having to be obtained from New Zealand, this intimation will be of use only to firms having agents in the Dominion who can be instructed by cable.

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NEW ZEALAND—continued.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand has also forwarded extracts from the local press, from which the following particulars are taken:—

The ratepayers of Auckland have authorised the municipal authorities to raise a loan of £115,000 for the purpose of carrying out the following works:—Erection and equipment of *market buildings*, £55,000; establishment of a *fish market*, £20,000; *water supply* in Grey Lynn, £10,000; construction of drainage works at Remura, £30,000.

It is also proposed to raise a loan of £75,000 for improvement works at Epsom, as follows:—Installation of a system of *storm water drainage*, £7,000; purchase of *plant for road making*, £1,000; and *general improvements to roads*, £67,000.

A company has been formed for the erection of *freezing works* at Whakatane.

Freezing Works Plant.

(C.I.B. 58,772.)

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Johannesburg (Lieut.-Col. C. A. C. Tremeer, D.S.O.) has forwarded a copy of a specification issued by the South African Railways Administration in connection with a call for tenders for the supply and delivery of *Jarrah or other hardwood sleepers* in the following quantities and dimensions: 300,000 sleepers, 7 ft. by 10 in. by 5 in., and 130,000 sleepers, 6 ft. 6 in. by 9 in. by 4½ in.

Specifications and forms of tender may be *obtained* on application to the Secretary to the Tender Board, South African Railway Head-quarter Offices, Johannesburg, at which address also sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received up to noon on 31st January, 1916.* *See Note† following.*

(C.I.B. 59,102.)

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Johannesburg has also forwarded a copy of a specification and form of tender in connection with a call for tenders by the Johannesburg Municipal Council, for the supply and delivery of 250 18 ft. by 4 in. *tubes for water tube boilers.* (Contract No. 70).

Copies of the specification, conditions of contract, and forms of tender may be *obtained* from the Municipal Offices, Johannesburg, at which address also sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received by the Town Clerk up to noon on 15th February, 1916.*

(C.I.B. 59,101.)

Note†.—A copy of the specification, &c. may be *consulted* by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and this intimation will therefore be of use only to firms having agents in South Africa who can be instructed by cable.

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FRANCE.

H.M. Consul at Bordeaux (Mr. A. L. S. Rowley) reports an enquiry from an agent in that city who wishes to represent United Kingdom firms as buying agent for *hides* and/or selling agent for *tanned leather*. The enquirer, it is stated, carried on an important business in this trade with German firms before the war, exporting hides to them and selling German leather in France; and he now wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom firms with a view to organising the same kind of trade for *after the war*, thus replacing German goods by British products.

United Kingdom importers of hides and manufacturers of tanned leather, desirous of appointing a buying and/or selling agent in Bordeaux, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. The following reference number should be quoted.

(C.I.B. 58,340.)

PORTUGAL.

The "Diario do Governo" (Lisbon) of 15th December notifies that tenders will be received, within a period of 30 days from that date, by the Municipal Authorities at S. Pedro do Sul, for a concession for the electric lighting of that town.

Although this contract will probably be awarded to a Portuguese firm, nevertheless the carrying out of the works may involve the purchase of some material outside Portugal.

SPAIN.

Goods in Demand. See notice on pp. 880-2.

LIBERIA.

Enamelled Ware; Brassware;
Hardware; Pomades; Fancy Goods; See notice on p. 880.
Undershirts; Hosiery; Blankets.

ECUADOR.

The "Registro Oficial" (Quito) of 15th October publishes a Decree authorising the Municipality of the Canton of Mejia to sell certain lands in that district with a view to devoting the proceeds to the installation of a drainage and water supply system in Machachi, the chief town in the Canton.

**Material for
Drainage and
Water Supply
Works.**

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BOLIVIA.

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at La Paz (Mr. G. F. Boulton) has forwarded a translation of a Decree of the Bolivian National Congress, dated 4th November, authorising the Executive to call for tenders for the construction of a railway from Potosi to Sucre. Tenders are to be on the basis of existing plans and the Government are to guarantee interest up to 6 per cent. per annum on the capital employed in the work. The period for the presentation of tenders will close on 30th June, 1916.

The above-mentioned translation of the Decree may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.
(C.I.B. 58,753.)

ARGENTINA.

The "Boletin Oficial" (Buenos Aires) of 20th November publishes a Decree authorising the "Empresa Vézin & Cia.," of Paris, to extend the lines of the Central Northern Railway (State Railways) to the Argentine-Bolivian frontier and to construct a bridge over the Quiaca River, thus connecting with the La Quiaca-Tupiza Railway which is under construction for the Bolivian Government by the same company (see p. 327 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th July last).

**Railway
Material;
Bridgework.**

ARGENTINA (PATAGONIA).

**Vehicles; Agricultural
Machinery; General Goods.** See notice on p. 879.

CHINA.

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Peking (Mr. W. P. Ker, C.M.G.) reports that the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce have recently established a Commercial and Industrial Commission whose object is the collection of statistics and the development of trade in China, and that this Commission desires to receive copies of catalogues issued by United Kingdom manufacturers.

United Kingdom manufacturers, and exporters of U.K. goods, who may be interested, should address catalogues and price lists of their goods to the Commercial and Industrial Commission, Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, Peking.
(C.I.B. 58,517.)

Mr. Ker also invites publishers of periodical trade publications to send specimen copies of their publications, noting amount of annual subscription to each, to the Commission with a view to the publications being considered for addition to the Library which the Commission is installing for the assistance of Chinese importers and exporters in making connections abroad.

**Trade Publications—
Suggestions to Publishers.**

(C.I.B. 58,517.)

OPENINGS IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, and from the Board of Trade Correspondents in the Crown Colonies, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate, and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1914, 989 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 142,005 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

The great volume of information distributed under this system has rendered it necessary to make a small charge for the service *which includes the regular supply of the weekly "Board of Trade Journal,"* and accordingly firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

The "Journal" itself contains a large amount of information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBITIONS.

FORTHCOMING BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

The Board of Trade have now completed the arrangements for the holding of a British Industries Fair at the beginning of next year, on lines similar to those which characterised the Fair organised by the Board at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, in May of this year.

The Fair, which will be opened on Monday, the 21st February, and remain open until Friday, the 3rd March, 1916, will be held (by kind permission of the President of the Board of Education) in the buildings of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W.

Only British manufacturers engaged in the following trades, viz., China and Earthenware, Glass, Fancy Goods, Toys and Games, Stationery and Printing, will be permitted to exhibit. As before, admission to the Fair will be by invitation of the Board of Trade alone, and will be restricted to *bonâ fide* buyers for the trades concerned.

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Control of Industrial Exhibitions.

With reference to the foregoing announcement, the Board of Trade call attention to the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, dated 22nd December (see notice on p. 874 of this issue), empowering the Minister of Munitions, after consultation with the Board of Trade, to prohibit or impose restrictions on the holding of Industrial Exhibitions and Fairs during the war in order to prevent the production of war material being prejudicially affected. For this reason the British Industries Fair will be confined, as stated above, to exhibits of china and earthenware, glass, fancy goods, toys and games, stationery and printing. As a further precaution any firm which holds contracts for a Government Department will have to obtain the permission of that Department before exhibiting. It is proposed to impose similar restrictions on the holders of any other Industrial Exhibitions and Fairs.

EXHIBITION OF GERMAN CATALOGUES.

The importance that German manufacturers have placed upon the production of catalogues printed in the language and currency of the countries to which their goods were exported is well known, and has been frequently emphasised in the reports from H.M. Trade Commissioners and H.M. Consular Officers appearing in the pages of the "Board of Trade Journal."

In order that British manufacturers may have an opportunity of inspecting catalogues of German origin, the Board of Trade have collected over 3,000 specimens, illustrating a great variety of industries, and these may be inspected at the Foreign Samples Section of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 32, Cheapside, London, E.C. A complete index of the catalogues has been prepared, rendering ready identification of any particular catalogue a simple matter.

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Copies of the index may be obtained on application to: The Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

Arrangements have been made whereby catalogues may be lent to United Kingdom firms established in the Provinces, and where this is desired, the number of days for which the loan of the catalogues is required should be stated in the application to the Director.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES AFFECTING TRADE.

PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

Amendments in and Additions to List.

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, 28th day of December, 1915.

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable
Privy Council.

Whereas it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation or Order in Council made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, as amended by the Act now in recital, may, whilst a state of war exists, be varied or added to by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

And whereas it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation made under Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, may, whether the Proclamation was made before or after the passing of the Act now in recital, be varied or added to, whilst a state of war exists, by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

And whereas by a Proclamation, dated the 28th day of July, 1915, and made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, and Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, and Section 1 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, the exportation from the United Kingdom of certain articles to certain or all destinations was prohibited:

And whereas by subsequent Orders of Council the said Proclamation was amended and added to in certain particulars:

And whereas there was this day read at the Board a recommendation from the Board of Trade to the following effect:—

That the Proclamation, dated the 28th day of July, 1915, as amended and added to by subsequent Orders of Council, should be

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further amended by making the following amendments in and additions to the same :—

- (1) That the following headings in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, should be deleted, *viz.* :—
 - Flaxen canvas, namely :—
 - Hammock canvas :
 - Kit bag canvas :
 - Merchant Navy canvas ;
 - Royal Navy canvas ;
 - Tent canvas ;
 - Linen close canvas ;
 - Linen duck cloth.
- (2) That the exportation of the following goods should be prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal :—
 - Canvas of all kinds ;
 - Canvas hose of all kinds ;
 - Drills, woven, of all kinds ;
 - Ducks, woven, of all kinds ;
 - Linen, *viz.* :—
 - Linen yarns (not including linen thread) ;
 - Linen piece-goods, unbleached or not bleached in the piece ;
 - Union cloths containing cotton in the proportion of 25 per cent. or upwards.

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said recommendation into consideration, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the same be approved.

Whereof the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise, the Director of the War Trade Department, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

EMBARGO ON TRADE EXHIBITIONS.

New Defence of the Realm Regulation.

An Order-in-Council, dated 22nd December, and published in the Third Supplement to the "London Gazette" of 21st December, further amends the Regulations (called the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914), made under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the Defence of the Realm. The Order-in-Council referred to above orders, *inter alia*, the following amendment in the Regulations :—

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"7A. Where it appears to the Minister of Munitions that the holding of any exhibition to which this regulation applies or of exhibitions of any class or description to which this regulation applies would prejudicially affect the production of war material, he may, after consultation with the Board of Trade, by Order either prohibit the holding of any such exhibition or of all exhibitions of any class or description specified in the Order, or impose conditions or restrictions on the holding thereof, and any person who holds an exhibition or exhibits at an exhibition in contravention of the provisions of any such Order, or of the restrictions and conditions therein contained, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

"A person intending to hold an exhibition to which this regulation applies shall, at least one month before the date fixed for the opening thereof, give to the Minister of Munitions notice in writing of his intention, together with such particulars in relation to the exhibition as the Minister of Munitions may require, and if he fails to do so, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

"Exhibitions to which this regulation applies are exhibitions and fairs the exhibits whereat consist in whole or in part of the products of any industrial or manufacturing process, or the machines, tools, and implements used for the purpose of any such process."

[See also notice on p. 872.]

EXPORT OF COAL.**White List of Regular and Reliable Importers.**

The Board of Trade announce that a white list of regular and reliable importers of coal in neutral countries has been prepared, and copies may be consulted at the Baltic, the Cardiff Coal Exchange, the Royal Exchange, Glasgow, the Pacific Exchange, Hull, the Atlantic Exchange, Liverpool, the Exchange, Newcastle, or at the Mercantile Marine Office at any of the following ports:—Ardrossan, Blyth, Burntisland, Cardiff, Glasgow, Hull, Leith, Liverpool, Manchester, Methil, Newcastle, Newport, Port Talbot, Swansea, and West Hartlepool.

Shippers are advised to consult this list before applying for licences to export coal or gas coke to any particular firm, as this may prevent delay in dealing with the applications.

If the name of a foreign firm, which is regarded as a regular and reliable importer of coal, does not appear on this white list, the firm should be advised to apply at once to the local British Consul in the country concerned.

It will be understood that licences must be obtained in all cases, whether the name of the consignee is on the list or not, and that the granting of licences is dependent upon the available supplies of coal and coke in this country and the other considerations which have to be borne in mind by the licensing authority.

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TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

The Board of Trade direct the particular attention of all manufacturers and traders concerned to the need for scrupulous care in the transaction of their business abroad, in view of the fact that some traders in some neutral countries are making themselves agents for the supply of goods to and from enemy countries. Especial care should be taken in opening new accounts in neutral countries, and in relation to any orders or enquiries of an abnormal character. In any case of doubt as to particular firms abroad,* business should be suspended pending reference to the *Chairman, Trade Clearing House, Broadway House, Tothill Street, Westminster, London, S.W.* It is inadvisable that any new accounts should be opened by any British trader in neutral countries, during the war, without the fullest enquiries as to the character of the business proposed to him.

The Proclamations relating to trading with the enemy cover indirect trading with the enemy through neutral agents, and carelessness in transacting neutral business may involve traders in the severe penalties attaching to trading with the enemy.

* Except in the cases notified in the notice immediately following.

**CONSIGNEES IN PERSIA, MOROCCO, LIBERIA,
OR PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.**

Notice to Exporters.

With reference to the Trading with the Enemy (China, Siam, Persia and Morocco) Proclamation, 1915, published at p. 21 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st July last, and to the Trading with the Enemy (Liberia and Portuguese East Africa) Proclamation, 1915, published at p. 447 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18th November, it is notified that enquiries as to whether specified firms in Persia, Morocco, Liberia, or Portuguese East Africa, are desirable as consignees of goods, from the point of view of possible trading with the enemy, may now be made at the *Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.*

(C. 43,763.)

TRADE WITH CHINA AND SIAM.

The Seventh Supplement to the "London Gazette" of 21st December contains complete revised lists of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China and Siam may be consigned, under the terms of the Proclamation of 24th September (see pp. 952-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30th September).

Copies of the Supplement referred to may be obtained, price 4½d. post free, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

Copies of the lists of approved consignees may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**SHIPMENT OF CHILEAN NITRATE OF SODA
DELAYED.**

The President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries regrets to announce that, in consequence of the exceptional demands for freight at the present time, it has not yet been found possible to arrange for the shipment of nitrate of soda from Chile as was contemplated.

**ENEMY COMPANIES AND CONTRACTS IN
AUSTRALIA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 679 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th December relative to companies declared "enemy companies" under the Commonwealth Trading with the Enemy Act (1914), attention is called to a notice published in the "Commonwealth Gazette" of 11th October giving the name of a further company which has been declared by the Attorney-General to fall within the category of "enemy companies."

A copy of the "Gazette" referred to may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**FOREIGN GOVERNMENT NOTICES
AFFECTING TRADE.****FRENCH DECREE PROHIBITING MANUFACTURE
OF ARMS, ETC.**

H.M. Embassy in Paris reports the publication of a Presidential Decree, dated 7th December, prohibiting the manufacture in French territory of arms and munitions of war of all kinds until the cessation of hostilities, unless with the special authorisation of the Minister of War. The manufacture of, and trade in, machine tools for the purpose of making arms and munitions of war is likewise prohibited.

[NOTE.—Trade in arms and munitions of war in France and in French Protectorates except by the authorisation of the Minister of War, was prohibited by a Decree dated 7th October (see notices at p. 178 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st October, and at p. 527 of the "Journal" of 25th November).] (C. 45,160.)

**STATUS OF CONCESSIONNAIRES IN MEXICO
UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONALIST
(CARRANCISTA) GOVERNMENT.****Issue of Questionnaire to Oil Concessionnaires.**

H.M. Acting Chargé d'Affaires at Mexico City (Mr. E. W. P. Thurstan) reports, under date 19th November, that a Decision of the Ministry of Fomento, Colonisation and Industry, dated 29th August last, based on a Decree dated 24th April, 1913, of the First Chief of the Constitutionalist Army (General Venustiano Carranza) provides that "all matters dealt with and decided upon from 19th February, 1913,

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“ by the Ministry of Fomento and subsequently by the so-called Ministry of Agriculture and Colonisation since the date of its creation (i.e. by the Government of General Victoriano Huerta), are declared null and void. Interested parties are at liberty to address themselves to the Ministry of Fomento soliciting the reconsideration of their affairs with a view to the issue of new documents.”

In this connection H.M. Acting Chargé d'Affaires at Mexico City further reports that the Acting Minister of Fomento has issued a circular (dated 15th November), to the effect that companies or individuals who own oil concessions will not be permitted to exploit them further unless within two months of the date of issue they have answered a series of questions contained in the circular.

[See also the following notice.]

(C. 38,709.)

**REVALIDATION OF RIGHTS AND CONCESSIONS
IN MEXICO.**

The Foreign Office announces that the Mexican Government require all rights or concessions granted during General Huerta's tenure of office to be presented in writing to the Ministry of Fomento by 31st January next, for revalidation.

For convenience of record by the Mexican Government, His Majesty's Government advise persons interested to apply accordingly.

TRADE ENQUIRIES REGARDING MARKETS ABROAD.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade invites applications from manufacturers and exporters of United Kingdom goods who are desirous of extending their trade in markets abroad. Such applications should specify the countries for which information is desired, and indicate—

- (a) The precise kind of goods about which the enquirer desires information, and
- (b) The particular points in regard to which he especially wants to be informed.

Attention is directed to this matter because, if applicants would make their enquiries *more precise*, they would benefit by receiving more precise information. It would also be in their interest to state whether they have already succeeded in obtaining any trade in the countries in question, whether they are represented by agents there, and if so by whom, and whether they are satisfied with their representation.

Applicants for information may apply direct to H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the Dominions, the correspondents of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade in other parts of the Empire, and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign countries, but it is generally desirable that they should apply, *in the first instance*, to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., because by the adoption of this course much delay may be avoided in those cases in which the Branch is already in possession of the required information.

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EGYPT (PORT SAID).—H.M. Consul at Port Said (Mr. F. G. Freeman) reports that the trade of the port is principally concerned with coal, other imports (chiefly silk and fancy goods from the Far East) being negligible in comparison. The chief business concerns are British shipping agencies and the Suez Canal Company, and they have naturally been in the habit of placing their orders with British and French firms. The share of Germany and Austria-Hungary in the trade of Port Said has consequently been considerably smaller in proportion than in the other large towns of Egypt, where there are many large businesses controlled by Greeks and Levantines for whom German traders cater. (C.I.B. 53,631.)

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ARGENTINA (PATAGONIA).—H.M. Consul at Rosario (Mr. S. S. Dickson) has forwarded the following report from Port Madryn regarding trade conditions in Patagonia:—

With a few townships and farm colonies, Patagonia serves mainly as a grazing land for sheep. Owing to the poorness of the soil, it is only the large areas of land that render even sheep farming possible. Taking the average year the land in Patagonia will carry about 1,000 sheep per square league.

Enormous distances have to be covered between the coast towns and the interior. Roads are bad and journeys take from a week to a month. Consequently *vehicles* constitute a very important item in the import trade of Patagonia. Goods are carried by "troops" of mule and horse carts, from eight to ten animals to the cart, and "trooping" or "trekking" is a business in itself. The carts or wagons are almost all imported from the United States, two makes being particularly prominent.

For long-distance passenger traffic a cart of the "buckboard" pattern is employed and is usually drawn by three horses or mules, a fresh relay of animals being driven alongside. The requirements of this type of vehicle are minimum weight consistent with maximum strength, uniform breadth between wheels (corresponding in gauge to the trekking cart wheels) and sufficient in length to accommodate provisions and fodder for the trip, as well as passengers and luggage. For short distances the "sulky" type of cart is mostly employed, and here again the United States has practically the monopoly of the trade in these conveyances.

Agricultural machinery is of secondary importance in Patagonia, the main customers being the few farming colonies. The imports of agricultural machinery come chiefly from the United States.

General imports.—The importers in Patagonia, whether importing firms proper or the stores of the land companies, all endeavour to cater for every requirement—*provisions, clothing, hardware, draperies, toilet articles, &c*—and where there is no licensed chemist, *medicines and drugs*.

The names of the principal importers of vehicles, agricultural machinery and general goods may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers, and exporters of U.K. goods, on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. The following reference number should be quoted.

(C.I.B. 47,792.)

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Trade Conditions Abroad.

LIBERIA.—With reference to the article on pp. 311-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th November, on the subject of British trade with Liberia, the following further information, which has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Monrovia (Mr. R. C. F. Maugham), may be of interest:—

The principal articles of German manufacture hitherto dealt in by British firms in Liberia were—

Enamelled ware.—*Pans, kettles, frying pans, buckets, baths, and cooking utensils.*

Brassware.—*Native pans, sizes 8 ins. to 20 ins.; also kettles.*

Hardware.—*Kaffir cooking pots, box irons, tin and iron trunks, axes, butchers' knives, matchets, penknives, scissors, razors, spoons, padlocks, galvanised buckets, and nails in kegs of 112 lbs.*

Pomades.—*All kinds of cheap pomades and perfumery, the former in tin boxes and jars.*

Fancy goods.—*Cheap mirrors in metal frames, watches, clocks, alarm clocks, toy bells, glassware of all kinds, lanterns, table lamps, palm-oil lamps and lamp chimneys.*

Clothing, &c.—*Cheap undershirts, socks, stockings, and blankets.*

These goods have a very considerable sale in the Republic and should be of special interest to British firms, especially as the greater part of them are practically unprocurable at present, and no further shipments are coming forward. The main point to be considered is cheapness. The difference in prices quoted by British and German manufacturers for the articles set out above (especially for articles grouped under the heading of hardware) is somewhere between 40 and 50 per cent. in favour of the latter.

Drafts on buyers are almost invariably at sight, promissory notes not being dealt with at all. When shipping documents are passed through the bank they are not released until the draft and bank charges against the goods have been fully paid. Terms arranged between home manufacturers and local buyers and importers are shown on the invoices, whether f.o.b. or c.i.f. terms. Duty can only be paid at the port at which goods are landed in Liberia. Invoices can be made out either in British or Liberian currency, the Liberian dollar being equivalent to 4s. 2d. Local sales are effected by means of both currencies. British weights and measures are used. [N.B.—In reference to the foregoing regard should be had to the notice on p. 876 relative to consignees in Liberia.]

(C.I.B. 54,360.)

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SPAIN (PROVINCES OF ASTURIAS, LEON AND GALACIA).—H.M. Consul at Vigo (Mr. A. Nightingale) reports that in 1914 the general movement of trade and commerce in his consular district, which comprises the Provinces of the Asturias, Leon and Galicia, was far from satisfactory. As compared with 1913 there was a falling-off in the trade generally of £1,415,958, the imports being reduced by £902,599, and the exports by £513,356. Without doubt a great part of this decrease was due to the war, so far as the imports are concerned, but the sardine industry seems to have been the principal cause of the reduction in the exports.

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German goods.—In visiting the various shops in Vigo one cannot but help being impressed by the amount of German goods with which they are all stocked. Most of the articles are of good appearance, but will not bear close inspection. However, they appear to suit the market. The German manufacturers seem to have gone in for supplying the poorer class of customer all over the world, and undoubtedly this is the class which, collectively, consumes most. Most people of slender means in these southern countries have not the patience to save up their money in order to buy articles of good quality, and in general both the poorer class and people of moderate means are more attracted by a showy appearance and get up—quality being a subordinate consideration. There is also the desire for novelty and change, which could not be so easily gratified if the better-class article were bought.

Catering for the masses is, without doubt, the best business, and the German manufacturers and merchants know this. They also seem to have studied the tastes of the people, and pack their goods in such a manner that the covering boxes or wrappers alone create an incentive to purchase.

There is also the question of credit, which is never less than 90 days with the Germans and more often than not is six months. Of course these long credits have to be paid for in the price put on the articles, but the shopkeeper does not mind that; what he objects to is having to pay for goods before any of them are sold.

Catalogues.—In spite of the recommendations by various Consular Officers that catalogues should be printed in the language of the country to which they are sent, many British firms still continue to send catalogues to Spain printed in English. The amount spent in this manner is, in H.M. Consul's opinion, money absolutely thrown away. Catalogues for Spain should not only be printed in Spanish, but the measurements and weights should also be given in the metric system; likewise, the prices in pesetas should be given alongside the sterling prices based on the local currency at par (the price can then be worked out according to the rate of exchange of the day). Whenever possible c.i.f. prices should be quoted, as the retail merchant is then able to work out what each article will cost to put in his shop after paying customs duties, &c. These suggestions mean a more or less elaborate catalogue which may be expensive to draw up, but it is the only way to convey an intelligent idea of the cost of goods to foreign buyers.

Commercial travellers.—In regard to commercial travellers, H.M. Consul states that during the nine months he has been at Vigo, only two travellers for British firms have passed there to his knowledge. One would think that the present is an opportune time for British merchants to step in and capture trade in Spain. Even if the business done at the outset proved to be of little importance, the fact should not be lost sight of that a certain amount of experience of the market would be gained, not to mention the advantages which would be derived from a personal acquaintance

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with the merchants and business men of the place. Of course it is essential that a traveller should speak Spanish.

The British Vice-Consul at **Villagarcia** (Mr. R. Cameron-Walker) reports that the value of the imports into that town during 1914 was only £59,144, as against £237,958 in 1913, the large decrease being due to the falling-off in imports of maize and codfish.

Of the articles which will find a ready market in the district, the British Vice-Consul enumerates the following, which have been mentioned to him by reliable merchants:—*Paints, varnishes and oils, small hardware (such as locks and keys), household hardware, linoleums, watches and clocks, silver-plated ware, mechanical toys, fancy jewellery, cotton prints, boots and shoes, sewing machines, canned and pickled meats, extracts and patent medicines.* These will meet with ready sale in the ports of Villagarcia and Carril, and form in reality but a small portion of the long schedule of every sort of goods, wares and merchandise which are imported from the many manufacturing cities of Europe, and with which British firms could, with a few exceptions, easily compete, provided that they will endeavour to send their goods to this market under the same conditions as do German exporters.

The terms of payment should be at least as tempting or advantageous as those usually offered by the exporters of other countries, and for no branch of trade should credit be shorter than three months after delivery of the articles. Long credits are the rule in Spain. By pursuing this course German and other Continental manufacturers have secured almost a monopoly of the market.

The British Vice-Consul at **Gijon** (Mr. A. Lovelace) reports that the import trade in that district was fairly brisk during the first six months of 1914, but after the outbreak of the war it declined considerably. A decrease of £314,510 took place in the total value of imports as compared with that for the year 1913. Orders for goods from abroad appear to have been given as usual, but, as they were not fulfilled, several industries were compelled to close down for a time owing to the want of raw material. Although the industries in question were able to resume work later, their output has been considerably reduced, owing to a continuance of the difficulties referred to.

(A.R. 125.)

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT TIENTSIN.

Attention is called to the recent formation of a British Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin to further British commercial interests in the Far East.

(C. 44,451.)

ADOPTION OF NATIONAL CURRENCY IN CUBA.

With reference to the notice on p. 279 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th January last relative to a Law authorising a new coinage issue in Cuba, it is notified that the "Gaceta Oficial" (Havana) of 14th September published a Decree, dated 11th September, rendering the use of the new monetary system* obligatory in all public and private transactions as from 1st December, 1915.

In public documents which contain financial obligations these obligations will be expressed in the legal currency, and in contracts or documents where foreign money is stipulated (with the exception of the currency of the United States, which is legal tender) the equivalents to the national currency are to be expressed, the quantities being stated in the monetary unit of the respective country, *e.g.* £, peseta, franc, lira, mark, bolivar, or milreis, but in no case is it permissible to stipulate payments in foreign coins of copper. No money will be admitted into the public banks of Cuba which is not legal currency.

As regards obligations or contracts dating previous to the promulgation of the Monetary Law, which did not especially express the currency in which payment should be made, but which may have used the general denominations of the day, or those of moneys current at the time of drawing up a contract, &c., such as reals, escudos, or pesetas, payments will be in the equivalents in the new system for their nominal value, *i.e.* in pesos and centavos at the rate of 10 centavos per real, 20 centavos per peseta, 50 centavos per escudo and peso per peso.

Contracts and obligations entered into previous to the promulgation of the Monetary Law without specifying any currency for payment other than the generic denomination of gold of Spanish minting, or of Spanish or French minting indiscriminately, will be met in legal currency at the rate of 16 pesos for each "onza," of 5 pesos per "centén," and of 4 pesos per "luis." In financial obligations entered into after the promulgation of the Law the "centén" or the "luis," or the Spanish coin of 25 pesetas and the French of 20 francs, will be satisfied by 5 and 4 pesos respectively of the new issue. From 1st December, 1915, the circulation of Spanish silver and copper money is totally prohibited, as is also the importation and circulation of French and Spanish gold ("luis," "centenes," &c.).

In connection with the above-mentioned measure, a recent issue of "Commerce Reports" (Washington) points out that hitherto Spanish, French, American, and small quantities of other moneys circulated indiscriminately in Cuba. On nearly every prominent corner in Cuban cities, and especially in Havana, money changers were established. Many abuses and inconveniences resulted from this state of affairs; banks and business houses had to keep their accounts in three currencies—Spanish, French and American—and the differing values of the various coins were constant causes of misunderstanding and a detriment to commerce generally.

* The gold pieces of 20, 10 and 5 pesos are of the same weight and value as the corresponding United States gold coins. The silver coins minted are pieces of 1 peso, 40 centavos, 20 centavos and 10 centavos, while nickel pieces are for 5 centavos, 2 centavos and 1 centavo.

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According to the "Wall Street Journal" of 1st December (quoted in the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" of New York of 11th December) the Decree of 11th September has been modified by further Decrees published on 22nd and 24th November respectively. The former conceded to private parties the right to fix by deed, free from duties or taxes, the amount which they may agree upon in Cuban or American currency for existing obligations or contracts originally made in Spanish or French gold, and the latter postponed until 1st June, 1916, the prohibition of the circulation of French and Spanish coin, the importation of which, however, is not permitted.

CHINESE PAPER MONEY AND CURRENCY.

The following particulars regarding the measures taken by the Chinese Government to deal with the difficulties caused by the excessive issue and consequent depreciation of bank notes, and the lack of a uniform currency, have been received from H.M. Commercial Attaché at Peking (Mr. W. P. Ker, C.M.G.):—

At the beginning of 1914 the financial condition of Kwangtung in particular was critical owing to the heavy depreciation of the provincial notes, which were practically the sole currency of the Province. These notes were then worth less than half their normal value. The trade of the Province was at a standstill, the troops threatened to mutiny, and another revolutionary movement seemed imminent. After various loan schemes for the redemption of the depreciated notes had fallen through, the Chinese Government approached the foreign banks interested in the reorganisation loan of 1913, to obtain their consent to the use for this purpose of funds set aside under that loan for the reorganisation of the Salt Gabelle. To this the banks assented, and a formal scheme was drawn up by the banks and the Chinese Minister of Finance for the redemption of the notes. Under this scheme the Chinese agreed to the appointment of one foreign and one Chinese delegate to superintend the work and also of two foreign and two Chinese cashiers to assist them. The operation of the scheme was attended with surprising success, chiefly owing to the comparative accuracy of the estimate of the number of notes in circulation furnished by the Provincial Government, the almost complete absence of forged notes, the ready acquiescence on the part of the holders in the rate of exchange fixed, and the capacity and honesty displayed by the Chinese staff under able foreign supervision. The nominal value of the notes redeemed at Canton between 1st and 31st July amounted to 31,645,504 dols., while the original estimate of notes in circulation made by the provincial Treasury was 34,240,000 dols. The total forgeries amounted to only 1,367 dols., a very small proportion.

The above account of what was done in Kwangtung is illustrative rather of what might be done in other Provinces than of what has actually been done, but endeavours are being made to deal with the problem elsewhere, notably in Szechwan and in the Manchurian

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Province of Kirin. The trade in other Provinces in Manchuria and in the Province of Hunan is still handicapped by depreciated note issues. It is believed, however, that with the exception of the Government banks and a few sound private banks, there are no longer any native banks issuing notes, so that the danger to be faced is confined within definite limits.

As for the question of Chinese currency, the confusion that exists is undoubtedly a most serious factor in retarding the commercial development of the country. The practical difficulties in the way of reform seem to baffle every Minister of Finance in turn, while the foreign advisers called in from time to time for consultation are by no means unanimous as to the principles that should be followed. The scheme that has held the field since 1910 is that of minting coins with the silver dollar as the unit, and subsidiary coinage in silver, nickel and copper. A beginning is apparently being made towards realising this project by melting down Mexican dollars into sycee for re-minting at Nanking, and measures have been enforced for checking the excessive minting of copper coins. It will be remembered that the provision of a uniform national coinage was one of the stipulations agreed to by the Chinese Government in the commercial treaties with the United Kingdom and other Powers signed in 1902; but it is one thing to promise to take the necessary steps for a reform of this kind, and another thing, even with the best intentions, to carry it through to a successful conclusion. It is difficult to see how a uniform currency can ever be established unless the mints are thrown open to the free coinage of silver at a nominal profit.

(A.R. 124.)

MANUFACTURE OF DYES, DRUGS AND CHEMICALS IN JAPAN.

Government Measures to relieve Shortage.

With reference to the notice on p. 788 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th September relative to the proposal of the Japanese Government to grant subsidies for the manufacture of dyes and chemicals, H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe, C.M.G.) reports that regulations in connection with the Government scheme have been published. In brief, these regulations are as follows:—

The Japanese Government will pay three subsidies: one, to a company specialising in the manufacture of dyestuffs whose capital is at least 6,000,000 yen; the second, to a company manufacturing glycerine and carbolic acid, whose capital is at least 1,200,000 yen; and the third to a company manufacturing drugs, whose capital must be at least 500,000 yen. Anyone who desires to organise a subsidised company for the manufacture of dyestuffs and chemicals must apply to the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce for permission to establish the projected concern, but in the case of drugs permission should be sought from the Minister for Home Affairs. When part of the capital is paid up, the first general meeting of the shareholders

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completed, and the new company duly registered in the Courts, the promoters of the company are entitled to ask for a subsidy.

The Government guarantees to each company a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum, making up any deficit. Each company must lay aside one-twentieth of its net annual profits as a reserve fund. If its shares are issued at above par, the premium must be included in the reserve fund. A special reserve fund is also to be provided in order that the company may become self-supporting as soon as possible, and to this fund will go one-half of the excess net profits after the dividend of 8 per cent. per annum has been paid. The balance of the excess may be distributed amongst the shareholders, the maximum dividend from this source not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum; the residue will be included in the special reserve fund.

The conduct of the subsidised companies will be under the strict surveillance of the Government.

The products provided for under this Law are as follows:—

Acetanilide, benzoic acid, carbolic acid, salicylic acid, anti-pyrin, bromine, hydrate of chloral, chloroform, cresol, formalin, glycerine, guaiacol, caustic potash, potassium carbonate, creosote; alkaloids; and chemical compounds and derivatives of the foregoing. The by-products obtained from coal by dry distillation process, as follows:—Light oil and neutral oil, crude and refined benzol, toluol, xylo, carbolic acid, naphthalin and anthracine. Materials from which gunpowder and explosives are to be manufactured, as follows:—Carbolic acid and glycerine.

A translation of the Imperial Ordinance and regulations concerning the encouragement of the manufacture of the above-mentioned products in Japan may be consulted by British firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

According to a later report from H.M. Commercial Attaché, three companies are being organised with a view to obtaining Government subsidies under the above regulations. One company, engaged in the manufacture of glycerine, with a capital of 3,000,000 yen, intends to take over the business, &c. of an oil company at Osaka. The second company, manufacturing medicines and chemicals, intends to specialise in the manufacture of formalin and its derivatives, and in other carbon compounds. This company will have a capital of 500,000 yen, and will acquire the formalin works of an existing Japanese concern engaged in the production of acetic acid. The third company produces medicines and will have a capital of 1,000,000 yen.

H.M. Commercial Attaché further reports, with reference to the proposed establishment by the Japanese Government of a company for the manufacture of dye-stuffs (see notice on p. 419 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th November), that it has now been arranged that the proposed company will be formed with a capital of 8,000,000 yen. The first factory will be built in Tokio or Osaka, or in the north of Kiushiu (probably close to the Wakamatsu iron works, whence the necessary benzol will be obtained). (C.I.B. 54,329; 57,988.)

Yen = 2s. 0½d.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of copy of a Customs Notice (No. 12), dated 13th October, 1915, giving Customs decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Union of South Africa.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading	Rates of Import Duty.	
		General Rate.	Rebate allowed upon goods the growth, produce or manu- facture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating British Colonies.
Carpet sweeping preparation (a mineral oil containing a small amount of carbolic acid)	193	20 % <i>ad val.</i>	3 % <i>ad val.</i>
Concentrated accumulator acid (consolidated sulphuric acid)	193	20 % "	3 % "
Galangal root (a drug)	193	20 % "	3 % "
Ground groaves (a poultry food)	193	20 % "	3 % "
Hangers for gates (imported separately)	193	20 % "	3 % "
Indiarubber surgical tubing	193	20 % "	3 % "
Land oil	34	3d. per Imp. gall.	Nil.
Malt flour (a cereal)	19 (b ii.)	2s. 9d. per 100 lbs.	3d. per 100 lbs.
Piletex (a dry, cooked cereal)	19 (a ii.)	2s. 6d. per 100 lbs.	3d. "
Quassia chips	193	20 % <i>ad val.</i>	3 % <i>ad val.</i>
*Rubber buffers, 2½ in. and over, for mining machinery	114 (a)	3 % "	The whole.
Sewerage distributing trays	193	20 % "	3 % <i>ad val.</i>
Slag sand	193	20 % "	3 % "

* Revised decision.

(C. 45,371.)

TRANSVAAL.

With reference to the Notice which appeared on p. 618 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 26th August last, temporarily prohibiting the sale of rifles and rifle ammunition in the Province of Transvaal under Proclamation No. 68 of 1915, copy of a further Proclamation (No. 118 of 1915), dated 11th October, has been received which prohibits the sale of rifles and rifle ammunition in the Transvaal (excluding the Magisterial Districts of Barberton, Bethal, Carolina, Ermelo, Heidelberg, Piet Retief, Stander-ton and Wakkerstroom) for a further period of three months from the 23rd October, 1915, unless this Proclamation be previously withdrawn.

(C. 45,333.)

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

With reference to previous Notices in the "Board of Trade Journal," relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from Northern Rhodesia under Proclamation No. 8 of 1915, and certain amending Government Notices, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Government Notice (No. 117 of 1915), dated 1st October, which prohibits the exportation of the under-mentioned articles from Northern Rhodesia, as follows:—

To all destinations, other than destinations in the United Kingdom, any British Possession or Protectorate:—

Coal (including anthracite and steam, gas, household, and all other kinds of coal) and coke.

(C. 45,422.)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

The British South Africa Company's "Government Gazette" for the 5th November last contains a Government Notice (No. 395 of 1915) giving a Supplementary List (No. 3) of Customs decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into Southern Rhodesia. The following are the principal decisions given:—

Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading.	Rates of Import Duty.		
		Under the General Tariff	Under the British Preferential Tariff.	
			On goods the produce or manufacture of the United King- dom and recip- roating British Possessions.	On goods the produce or manufacture of non-recip- roating British Possessions.
Aluminium sheets, printed on ...	193	20 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>
Aniline (not a dye) ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Carpet sweeping preparation (a mineral oil containing a small amount of carbolic acid) ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Concentrated accumulator acid (concentrated sulphuric acid) ..	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Filter (water softening and purifi- cation) ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Galangal root (a drug) ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Gishurst compound ...	134	3 % "	Free.	Free.
Ground greaves (a poultry food) ..	193	20 % "	9 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>
Hangers for gates, imported separ- ately ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Indiarubber surgical tubing ...	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Lard oil ...	34	3d. per Imp. gall.	3d. per Imp. gall.	3d. per Imp. gall.
Malt flour (a cereal) ...	19 (b 2)	2s. 9d. per 100 lbs.	2s. per 100 lbs.	2s. per 100 lbs.
Match-box slides (for covering match boxes) ...	71	25 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>
Miner's safety hat... ..	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Piletex (a dry cooked cereal) ...	19 (a 2)	2s. 6d. per 100 lbs.	2s. 3d. per 100 lbs.	2s. 6d. per 100 lbs.

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Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading.	Rates of Import Duty.		
		Under the General Tariff.	Under the British Preferential Tariff.	
			On goods the produce or manufacture of the United King- dom and recip- roating British Possessions.	On goods the produce or manufacture of non-recip- roating British Possessions.
Prufit (for rendering cement waterproof)	193	20 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>
Quassia chips	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Rubber buffers, 2½ in. and over, for mining machinery	114 (a)	3 % "	Free.	Free.
Sewerage distributing trays	193	20 % "	9 % <i>ad val.</i>	9 % <i>ad val.</i>
Slag sand	193	20 % "	9 % "	9 % "
Sluice gates (appliances for irriga- tion machinery)... ..	114 (a)	3 % "	Free.	Free.

(C. 45,372.)

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

The Uganda "Official Gazette" of the 30th October last contains the text of an Ordinance (No. 18 of 1915), which amends the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Ordinance No. 6 of 1910 by revising the duty leviable on rubber exported from the Uganda Protectorate with effect from the 1st November, 1915, as follows:—

Articles.	Rate of Export Duty.	
	Old Rates.	New Rates.
India-rubber (other than plantation rubber)	10 % <i>ad valorem.</i>	See below.
Rubber (other than plantation rubber)	See above.	4 % <i>ad valorem.</i>

(C. 45,336.)

GOLD COAST.

Advertising to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from the Gold Coast under various Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation, dated 6th November, 1915, which prohibits the exportation of the undermentioned articles from the Colony as specified:—

To Spain:—

Oleaginous nuts, seeds, kernels, and products of ;
Vegetable oils.

[The exportation of these articles is now prohibited to all foreign ports in Europe, and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Italy and Portugal.]

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GOLD COAST—continued.

The Proclamation also provides for the prohibition of the exportation of all articles to the Netherlands, unless they are consigned to the Netherlands Oversea Trust—provided that this prohibition shall not be deemed to extend to the exportation of such prohibited or restricted goods to a consignee in the Netherlands, the exportation whereof to such consignee may, by special licence, have been duly granted.

Further, the exportation of all articles to China and Siam is prohibited, unless such articles are consigned to such persons as may be duly notified in the "London Gazette." (C. 45,453.)

EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of the 2nd December last contains a Notice (No. 3) giving revised Tariff Valuations for use in assessing duties on certain metals on importation into Egypt, with effect from the 1st December 1915, to 31st January, 1916, or until denunciation, as follows:—

Kind of Metal.	Valuation per kilogramme (2·2046 lbs.).	
	Old Rates.	New Rates.
	<i>Millièmes.*</i>	<i>Millièmes.*</i>
Copper and brass sheets, round and bottoms	98	114
Copper sheets, plain	95	111
Copper sheets in rolls, bars, round and flat	95	111
Copper ingots	92	108
Copper wire	<i>ad valorem.</i>	<i>ad valorem.</i>
Brass wire	"	"
Brass sheets, plain, 24 by 48, 8 lbs. to 5 lbs.	"	"
Tin ingots and bars	150	168
Lead sheets	26	31
Lead shot	27	32
Lead pipe	26	31
Lead, pig... ..	26	31
Zinc sheets	100	105
Zinc ingots	100	105
Phosphor bronze	100	105
Antimony	130	130
Quicksilver	580	600

Note.—Duty is leviable on the valuations shown at the rate of 8 per cent.

* 1,000 *millièmes* = £E. 1 = £1 0s. 6d.

(C. 45,204.)

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains a Notice (No. 7) giving the Tariff Valuations for use in assessing Customs duties on petroleum on importation into Egypt, with effect from the 1st to the 31st December, 1915, as follows:—

Import Tariff Valuations for Petroleum.

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Articles.	Import Valuations.
American petroleum { Per case of two cans ...	£ E. <i>Millièmes</i> * 0 330†
Safety petroleum { Per pair of cans not in case ...	0 280‡
Russian petroleum { Per case of two cans ...	0 390†||
Russian and American petroleum, in { Per pair of cans not in case ...	0 330†||
bulk Per 1,000 kilogs.	6 800
Roumanian petroleum in bulk	6 500
Mazut (liquid fuel) of any origin	<i>ad valorem.</i>

Note.—Dnty is leviable on the valuations shown at the rate of 1 per cent.

* 1,000 *millièmes* = £ E. 1 = £1 0s. 6d.

† Including 60 *millièmes* for the cost of the two cans.

|| Including 50 *millièmes* for the cost of one case

‡ Including 30 *millièmes* for the cost of each can. (C. 45,206.)

BARBADOS.

With reference to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from Barbados under certain Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copy of a further amending Proclamation, dated the 26th October, 1915, which prohibits the exportation of various articles to certain destinations from the Colony, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations, other than the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and British Possessions and Protectorates—

Animals, pack, saddle and draught, suitable or which may become suitable for use in war;

[The italicised words only are new.]

Bones for manure, dissolved bones, bone flour, bone meal and bone ash;

[In lieu of the item "bone ash."]

Chemicals, &c.—

Chloride of sulphur;

Diamonds, rough, suitable for industrial purposes, including *Brazilian carbon*;

[The italicised words only are new.]

Fustic (chips and extract) and logwood (chips and extract, including haematin crystals and other logwood preparations);

Metals and ores, viz.—

Iron ore, Cumberland haematite;

Whale meal;

(B) To all Foreign Countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain, and Portugal:—

Chemicals, &c.—

Calcium sulphide;

Salts of aluminium (other than alunite and nitrate of aluminium);

[Transferred from Group A.]

China clay (including China stone and potters' clay);

Gas carbon;

Kapok hempen fibre;

Metals and ores, viz.—

Iron ore (*except Cumberland haematite iron ore the exportation of which is prohibited under Group A.*)

[The italicised words only are new.]

[*Note.*—The item "molasses for feeding cattle" is deleted.]

(C. 45,335.)

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ST. VINCENT.

The St. Vincent "Government Gazette" (Extraordinary) of the 2nd November last contains a Notice of the same date prohibiting, under the provisions of the "Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Ordinance, 1915," the exportation from St. Vincent of all articles to the Netherlands, except articles consigned to the Netherlands Oversea Trust.

(C. 45,542.)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Adverting to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from Trinidad and Tobago under various Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation (No. 69 of 1915), dated 21st October last, prohibiting the exportation of the undermentioned articles from the Colony, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

- Animals, pack, saddle and draught, suitable or which may become suitable for use in war.
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Bones for manure, dissolved bones, bone flour, bone meal, and bone ash.
[In lieu of the item "bone ash"]
- Chemicals, drugs, &c.:—
 - Caustic soda;
 - Chlorides of sulphur;
 - Copper nitrate;
 - [The above are new items.]
 - Mercury compounds and preparations of (other than nitrate of mercury);
[In lieu of "Mercury salts and preparations of."]
 - [Note—The item "oxides and salts of aluminium" is deleted.]
- Diamonds, rough, suitable for industrial purposes, including *Brazilian Carbon*.
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Forage and food which may be used for animals:—
 - Whale meal;
 - Fustic (chips and extract) and logwood (chips and extract, including hæmatine crystals and other logwood preparations);
- Metals and ores, viz.: Iron ore, Cumberland hæmatite;
- Sodium;

(B) To all foreign Countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain, and Portugal:—

- Chemicals, drugs, &c.:—
 - Acetic acid;
 - Aluminium, salts of, other than alunite and nitrate of aluminium;
[Transferred from Group (A).]
 - Antimony, compounds of, except sulphides and oxides of antimony, (the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates);
 - Calcium sulphide;
 - Copper, compounds of, except copper nitrate, copper iodide, copper sulphate, and suboxide of copper (the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates);
 - Sodium cyanide;
 - Sodium sulphide;

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China clay (including China stone and potters' clay);
Gas carbon;
Kapok hempen fibre;

[The above are new items.]

Metals and ores:—

Iron ore (except Cumberland hæmatite iron ore, the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates).

[In lieu of the item "Iron ore." (C. 45,452.)

MAURITIUS.

Adverting to the Notice which appeared on p. 544 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 25th November last relative to the prohibition of the exportation from Mauritius of vesou crystal sugar under Proclamation No. 25 of 1915, the Board of Trade have now received copy of Proclamation (No. 46 of 1915), dated 15th October, which revokes the above-mentioned Proclamation.

[*Note.*—It may, however, be pointed out that, under Proclamation No. 12 of 1915, the exportation from the Colony of "foodstuffs" is prohibited to all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal.] (C.45,363.)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Adverting to the Notice which appeared on pp. 404-6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 11th November last, relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Straits Settlements under a Proclamation dated 24th September, 1915, and to subsequent amending Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation, dated 1st November, 1915, which revokes previous Proclamations and, at the same time, prohibits the exportation of various articles to certain destinations from the Colony.

The articles included in the present Proclamation, and the extent to which their exportation is prohibited from the Colony, are, for the most part, similar to those specified in the revoked Proclamations.

The following amendments, however, appear in the present Proclamation:—

(A) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Bones for manure, dissolved bones, bone flour, bone meal and bone ash;

[In lieu of the item "bone ash."]

Chemicals, drugs, dyes and dye stuffs, medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations and tanning extracts, viz:—

Sulphur, chlorides of;

Fustic (chips and extract) and logwood (chips and extract, including hæmatine crystals and other logwood preparations);

Metals and ores, viz:—

Iron ore, Cumberland hæmatite.

[The above are new items.]

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(B) To all foreign Countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain, and Portugal:—

Chemicals, drugs, &c. —

Aluminium, salts of (other than alunite and nitrate of aluminium, which are already prohibited under Group (A).

[This item has been transferred from Group (A).]

Calcium sulphide ;

China clay (including China stone and potters' clay) ;

Fibre, Kapok hempen ;

Gas, carbon.

[The above are new items.]

Metals and ores, viz. :—

Iron ore (*except Cumberland hematite iron ore, which is already prohibited under Group (A).*

[The italicised words only are new.]

(C. 45,334.)

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

Adverting to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the

**Prohibited
Exports:
Amended Lists.**

“ Board of Trade Journal ” relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from the Federated Malay States under various Notifications, copy of the Federated Malay States

Government Gazette (Extraordinary) for the 13th November last has been received, which contains a further Notification (No. 3,317 of 1915) prohibiting the exportation of various articles to certain destinations from the Federated Malay States of Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang, as follows:—

(A.) To all destinations, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Chemicals, drugs, &c. —

Antipyrine (phenazone) *and its derivatives.*

[The italicised words only are new.]

Chromium, compounds of (except bichromate of soda) (which remains in Group “ B ”):

Magnesite and magnesite bricks ;

Oil fuel, but not including any such fuel allowed by the Harbour Master to be shipped for use on board the exporting ships ;

Jute piece-goods, *jute webbing*, and bags and sacks made of jute.

[The italicised words only are new.]

Mica (including mica splittings *and mica chimney*s) and micanite.

[The italicised words only are new.]

(B) To all foreign Countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal:—

Chemicals, drugs, &c.—

Formic acid ;

Sodium carbonate (including soda ash, soda crystals and bicarbonate of soda) ;

Pepper ;

Plywood of all kinds, except ash three-plywood (which is already included under Group “ A ”).

(C. 45,373.)

WEIHAIWEI.

Adverting to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the

**Prohibited
Exports:
Consolidated and
Amended Lists.**

“ Board of Trade Journal ” relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from Weihaiwei under various Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a Proclamation, dated 12th October, 1915, revoking

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the previous Proclamations and, at the same time, prohibiting, for a period of one year from the above date, the exportation of various articles from the Territory of Weihaiwei.

The list of articles, and the extent to which their exportation is prohibited, are identical with those published in the Notice for Trinidad and Tobago on pp. 79-86 of the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th October last, except as regards the following articles, which are included in the present Proclamation:—

(A) To all destinations, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Protectorates:—

Chemicals, drugs, medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations, viz.:—

Iodide of chloride;

Potash salts (except potassium chlorate, cyanide, nitrate (saltpetre), perchlorate, and permanganate):

[Various "potash salts" are specified in the Trinidad list.]

Chinese copper coins;

Hessian cloth and bags;

Oils and fats, all animal and vegetable, including fatty acids, but not including essential oils:

[This item appears in Group (B) of the Trinidad Proclamation.]

Phosphates of metals, manufactured;

Phosphides;

Phosphoric acid and oxides;

Phosphorus;

The present Proclamation also contains the following items:—

Mercury, *salts* and preparations of (other than nitrate of mercury);

[The word "compounds" instead of 'salts' appears in the Trinidad Proclamation.]

Oxides and salts (*other than chlorates, perchlorates, and nitrates*) of the following metals:—

Aluminium;

Cobalt;

Nickel;

Tungsten;

[The italicised words do not appear in the Trinidad Proclamation.]

(B) To all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal:—

In the present Proclamation, under the items "Forage and food which may be used for animals" and "Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man," many articles are specifically prohibited which are prohibited under the general heading of "Forage and feeding stuffs, &c.," in the Trinidad Proclamation.

[*Note.*—The exportation of "Asphalt" is not specifically prohibited from "Weihaiwei.")

(C) To Spain:—

All vegetable oils;

All oleaginous nuts, seeds, kernels and products.

[*Note.*—These items are also prohibited from exportation to other destinations under groups (A) and (B), respectively.

(D) To Bulgaria:—

All goods.

[In this connection reference should be made to the Royal Proclamation of the 16th October, 1915, for which see the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 21st October last (p. 169), "extending to the war with Bulgaria the Proclamations and Orders in Council now in force relating to the war."]

(C. 45,594.)

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

With reference to the Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal"* relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from Newfoundland under Proclamations of the 6th September and 5th October last, respectively, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copy of a further amending Proclamation, dated 23rd November, 1915, prohibiting the exportation of various additional articles from the Colony to certain destinations, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations :

- Animals, pack, saddle and draught, suitable or which may become suitable for use in war ;
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Chemicals, drugs, &c. :—
Antipyrine (phenazone) and its derivatives :
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Diamonds, rough, suitable for industrial purposes, including Brazilian carbon :
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Jute piece-goods, jute webbing, and bags and sacks made of jute ;
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Magnesite and magnesite bricks ;
- Metals and ores, viz. :—
Iron ore, Cumberland hematite ;

(B) To all destinations abroad, other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates :

- Bones for manure, dissolved bones, bone flour, bone meal and bone ash.
[In lieu of the item "bone ash."]
- Chemicals, drugs, &c.—
Chlorides of sulphur.
- Chromium, compounds of, except chromium acetate, chromium chlorate and chromium nitrate (the exportation of which is already prohibited under Group "A"), and bichromate of soda (the exportation of which is prohibited under Group "C").
- Coal, all kinds, and coke, but not including coal, allowed by the proper Customs Authority to be shipped as bunker coal.
[In lieu of "coal (including anthracite, and steam, gas, household and all other kinds of coal) and coke".]
- Forage and food which may be used for animals, namely—
Beans, including haricot beans, Burma beans and Rangoon beans.
Compound cakes and meal.
Cottonseed cake, decorticated and undecorticated, and cottonseed meal.
Lentils.
Linseed cake and meal.
Maize.
Malt dust, malt flour, culms, sprouts, or combings.
Patent and proprietary cattle foods of all kinds.
Rice meal (or bran) and dust.
[All the above items under "Forage, &c." have been transferred from Group "A".]
- Whale meal.
- Fustic (chips and extract) and logwood (chips and extract, including haematin crystals and other logwood preparations.)
- Mica (including mica splittings and mica chimneys) and micaite.
[The italicised words only are new.]
- Oil fuel, but not including any such fuel allowed by the proper Customs Authority to be shipped for use on board the exporting ship.
- Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, namely—
Milk, condensed or preserved, whether sweetened or not.
[The italicised words only are new.]

* 172., in the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th October (pp. 29-36), and in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 18th November, 1915 (pp. 483-4).

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NEWFOUNDLAND—continued.

(C) To all Foreign Countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic Ports), Italy, Spain, and Portugal:—

Chemicals, drugs, &c.—

Aluminium, salts of (other than alunite and nitrate of aluminium);

[Transferred from Group "B."]

Calcium sulphide;

Formic acid;

Sodium carbonate (including soda ash, soda crystals, and bicarbonate of soda);

China clay (including china stone and potters' clay);

Forage and food which may be used for animals, namely:—

Brewers' and distillers' grains;

Brewers' dried yeast;

Cakes and meals, the following, namely:—

Coconut and poonac cake;

Gluten meal or gluten feed;

Maize germs and maize germ meal;

[In lieu of the item "maize germ meal."]

Maize meal and flour;

Mill dust and screenings of all kinds;

[All the above items under "Forage, &c." have been transferred from Group "A." The item "molasses for cattle feeding" has been deleted.]

Gas carbon;

Kapok hempen fibre;

Metals and ores, namely:

Iron ore (*except Cumberland hematite iron ore, the exportation of which is prohibited under Group "A"*)

[The italicised words are new.]

Pepper.

Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, namely:

Bean flour and meal;

Biscuits, bread and cakes, all kinds of;

Cornflour;

Corn grits;

Hominy;

Lentil flour and meal;

Macaroni spaghetti and vermicelli;

Meat of all kinds (except poultry and game) not including beef and mutton, fresh or refrigerated (the exportation of which is already prohibited under Group "A");

Pea meal and flour;

Prepared foods wholly or partially derived from cereals;

Semolina;

Wood, namely:

Ply wood of all kinds, except ash three-ply wood (the exportation of which is already prohibited under group "A").

(C. 45,516.)

RUSSIA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation of *potash and paper of all kinds, via* all frontiers of the Russian Empire, has been prohibited by a Decree of the Minister of Finance, dated the 14th/27th November and published in the official "Bulletin of Laws" of Petrograd for the 26th November/9th December.

Exceptions from this prohibition may, however, be accorded by the Minister of Finance in favour of Allied and friendly countries.

(C. 45,830.)

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RUSSIA—continued.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of information to the effect that, according to the official "Trade Gazette" of Petrograd for the 27th November/10th December, the Minister of Finance has decided to exclude *beetroot seed* from the list of articles which, although prohibited to be exported from Russia, may be exported direct to Allied countries, without special application in the case of each consignment, if shipped in Russian or Allied vessels.

(C. 45,830.)

NORWAY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at Christiania to the effect that the exportation of *rubber cement, hemp waste, and hemp tow* from Norway has been prohibited.

(C. 45,832.)

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of telegraphic information to the effect that the prohibition imposed in October last on the exportation of *butter* from Norway has now been withdrawn.

**Exportation of
Butter Permitted.**

SWEDEN.

With reference to previous notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the suspension of the Customs duties on wheat and wheat flour and rye and rye flour imported into Sweden, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the period during which such cereals and flour may be imported duty-free has been prolonged, by a Royal Decree of the 22nd November, until the 30th June, 1916, inclusive.

(C. 45,507.)

**Suspension of Import
Duties on certain
Cereals and Flour.**

respecting the suspension of the Customs duties on wheat and wheat flour and rye and rye flour imported into Sweden, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign

DENMARK.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Copenhagen to the effect that the exportation of *old paper and paper waste* from Denmark has been prohibited.

**Exportation of certain
Articles prohibited.**

Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the period during which such cereals and flour may be imported duty-free has been prolonged, by a Royal Decree of the 22nd November, until the 30th June, 1916, inclusive.

NETHERLANDS.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at The Hague to the effect that the exportation from the Netherlands of *cloverseed, of seeds of vetches and of lupines, and of old paper* was prohibited by Royal Decrees dated the 18th December. The exportation of *cement* was prohibited by a Decree of the 20th December.

(C. 45,532.)

**Prohibition of Exporta-
tion of certain Articles.**

Office, of information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the period during which such cereals and flour may be imported duty-free has been prolonged, by a Royal Decree of the 22nd November, until the 30th June, 1916, inclusive.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***FRANCE.**

A recent French Customs Circular (No. 4,705) contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 21st August, which fixes as follows the quantities of coffee and bananas, the produce of French Guinea, which may be imported into France from that Colony, under special conditions, between the 1st July, 1915, and the 30th June, 1916:—

Coffee	3,000 kilogrammes.
Bananas	500,000 „

[*Note.*—The special conditions referred to above provide for the admission of bananas duty-free, and for the levy of an import duty on coffee at the reduced rate of 58 francs per 100 kilogrammes. These privileges are only granted on condition that the goods are imported direct (*en droiture*).]

A further Customs Circular (No. 4,713) contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 30th September, fixing at 250,000 hectolitres the quantity of wine of Tunisian origin, made from fresh grapes, which may be admitted into France from the 1st August, 1915, to the 31st July, 1916, at specially reduced rates of duty, in accordance with the Law of the 19th July, 1890.

A further Circular (No. 4,718) contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 26th August, which determines as follows the quantities of beans, livestock, poultry, game, and frozen meat of Tunisian origin, which may under certain conditions* be imported from Tunis into France, free of Customs duty, between the 1st June, 1915, and the 31st May, 1916:—

Beans	8,000,000 kilogs.
Livestock—	
Horses	1,300 head.
Asses and mules	1,300 „
Oxen	24,000 „
Sheep	50,000 „
Goats	1,000 „
Pigs	5,000 „
Game, alive or dead—	
Wild boar, turtle, &c.	1,500 kilogs.
Poultry	8,000 „
Frozen meat—	
Oxen	100 metric tons of meat, equivalent to 1,000 head.
Pigs	140 metric tons of meat, equivalent to 2,000 head.
Sheep	750 metric tons of meat, equivalent to 50,000 sheep.

* To obtain the benefit of duty-free admission the goods must be imported direct into France in a French ship, and must be accompanied by properly authenticated certificates of origin.

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

FRANCE—continued.

The Decree also fixes at 10,000,000 francs the total value of goods of Tunisian origin, other than those specified above, which may be imported into France during the same period on payment of the lowest rates of duty leviable on similar foreign products.

FRENCH COLONIES.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated the 9th December, and published in the "Journal Officiel" for the 14th, which prohibits the exportation from French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco), and also the re-exportation therefrom after warehousing, transit or transhipment, or under the "temporary importation" regime, of—

**Prohibition of
Exportation of
certain Articles.**

Fruit-stones;
Gum-lacs;
Mica in sheets or leaves, and micanite;
Sacks of all kinds;
Vaseline;
Walnuts, nuts, and almonds.

Exemptions from this prohibition may, however, be accorded under conditions to be laid down by the Minister for the Colonies.

[Note.—The exportation of these articles from France was prohibited by a Presidential Decree of the 22nd November, 1915.]

(C. 45,829.)

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that a Ministerial Order has been issued abrogating the provision of the Decree of the 24th February, 1915, in virtue of which *aluminium (metal) pure or alloyed*, was allowed to be exported from French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco), without special authorisation, when consigned to France and French Colonies, the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates, and certain other countries. (C. 45,829.)

**Exportation of
Aluminium prohibited,
except by
Special Permission.**

FRANCE (FRENCH GUIANA).

A recent French Customs Circular (No. 4717) contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 30th September last, in virtue of which *common wood* imported into French Guiana (which was formerly admitted duty-free) is to be subjected to Customs duties at the rates prescribed by the Customs Tariff of France. (C. 45,260.)

**Imposition of-Import
Duties on Common Wood.**

TUNIS.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a Beylical Decree, dated the 25th November, and published in the "Journal Officiel Tunisien" for the 1st

**Prohibition of Exportation
of certain Articles.**

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

TUNIS—*continued.*

December, which extends the prohibitions of export and re-export in force in Tunis to cover the following articles:—

- Carborundum (silicide of carbon);
- Corundum, natural, in granules or in powder, artificial corundum or alundum (fused alumina);
- Emery, pulverised;
- Emery applied on paper or cloth, moulded into wheels, stones, or any other forms (including carborundum, corundum and alundum);
- Pepper.

[*Note.*—The exportation of these articles from *France* was prohibited by a Presidential Decree of the 11th November, 1915.]
(C. 45,246.)

MEXICO.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy and translation of a Mexican Decree (dated the 29th September and published in "El Constitucionalista" for the 30th October), which amends the export duties on a large number of articles of Mexican produce, prohibits the exportation of various foodstuffs and cattle from Mexico, and suspends the Customs duties on various articles imported into the country.

(1) *Export duties.*—Article 1 of the Decree contains a long schedule of amended export duties, which was to come into force on the 20th October, 1915. The new export duties apply (*inter alia*) to:—animals (living); beans; chicle (gum); coffee; cotton; henequen, ixtle and ramie fibres, flax, &c.; hides and skins (raw or prepared); vanilla; building, cabinet and dye woods; tobacco; &c., &c. The schedule may be seen, on application, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

(2) *Prohibitions of export.*—Article 3 of the Decree (in force since the 29th September last), totally prohibits the exportation of rice, kidney beans (*frijoles*), maize, wheat and flour; and provides that dried peas, barley, chickpeas, broad-beans, lentils, bran, sugar, and cattle may only be exported from Mexico subject to a special permit being obtained from the Ministry of Finance in respect of each consignment.

(3) *Suspensions of import duties.*—Article 5 of the Decree suspends, until further notice, the Customs duties on the following articles imported into Mexico:—

- Meat, fish and shellfish, dried, smoked, salted or salt-pressed (Tariff No. 5);
- Preserved food-stuffs of animal origin (Tariff No. 34);
- Lard (pigs') (Tariff No. 37);
- Rice (Tariff No. 93);
- Oats in the grain, and bruised barley (Tariff No. 94);
- Fresh fruit, kitchen garden produce, vegetables and tubers, unspecified (Tariff No. 101);
- Maize (Tariff No. 103);
- Unspecified seeds and grain used for food (Tariff No. 104);

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- Olive oil in tins (Tariff No. 123);
 Sugar, common (not including candy or refined sugar) (Tariff No. 125);
 Cakes, biscuits, etc. (Tariff No. 129);
 Flour of wheat and other cereals, and unspecified feculae used for food (Tariff No. 130);
 Alimentary pastes made from flour (Tariff No. 132);
 Common soap, unscented and not suitable for toilet use (Tariff No. 693). (C. 45,664.)

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.**BRITISH CARGO STEAMSHIP SERVICES.**

Information regarding British cargo steamship services, trading between the United Kingdom and all ports of the world, may be obtained on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Firms making written application for information are requested to state their requirements clearly, particularly indicating the ports or districts between which cargo is to be carried.

DETENTION OF CARGOES AND VESSELS BY H.M. ARMED FORCES.

The "London Gazette" of 24th December publishes the following further list of ships whose cargoes, or part of them, have been detained by H.M. Armed Forces:—

Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo detained at
Cercs	Danish	Leith
Erviken	Norwegian	Sharpness
Hallingdal	Norwegian	Lerwick
Hardanger	Norwegian	Hull
Island	Danish	Leith
Kronprinz Gustav	Swedish	Greenock
Parana	Brazilian	Leith
Rio Branco	Brazilian	Bristol
Scandinavia	Swedish	Stornoway

The same issue of the "Gazette" notifies that the Swedish vessel "Jemtland" (8,074 tons) has been detained at Liverpool.

UNITED KINGDOM. SWEDEN. RUSSIA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade has been notified by Messrs. Johnson, Englehart and Co., of Kingston Chambers, Prince's Dock Side, Hull, that they are acting as agents for a new service of steamers running in regular cargo trade between Goole and Hull and Gothenburg, taking cargo, &c. to all inland towns in Sweden.

Shipping and Transport.

UNITED KINGDOM. SWEDEN. RUSSIA—*continued.*

At present three steamers are employed on this route, *viz.*: Ss. "Venus," "Fagertun" and "Mercur," all of neutral nationality. There will be weekly sailings to and from Goole. (C.I.B. 59,265.)

CANADA.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada reports that an Order-in-Council, dated 27th November, 1915, has been issued providing that steamships of not less than 2,000 tons gross tonnage of the following countries, namely, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Japan, shall be admitted to the coasting trade of Canada, in the carrying of goods and passengers coastwise between any port in the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island, or *vice versa*, on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to Canadian vessels, for a period of one year from 1st January, 1916.

(C.I.B. 58,404.)

NIGERIA.

The Comptroller of Customs at Lagos (the Board of Trade Correspondent for Nigeria) reports that there is now a metalled road between Kano and Katsena, a distance of 95 miles, and that it is probable that an attempt will be made in 1916 to establish motor transport between these two centres.

The cost of camel and ox transport is placed at 6d. per ton mile, but this is considered to be an outside figure, and it has been estimated to be as low as 2d.

The French at present pass their goods from Kano to Gumel, thence across the boundary, and the same route will probably be used in 1916. while it is said that Zinder, which is about 130 miles north of Kano. will also be served direct from Kano next year.

European merchants, the Comptroller suggests, might consider whether it would not pay to arrange for efficient and reliable cart services along trade routes which, though unmetalled, are suitable for carts specially constructed for use on sandy tracks. It will take some years to metal the trade routes and arrange motor services, while carts can be used at once, and a cart service will pay where a motor service is impossible.

(C.I.B. 57,920.)

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a copy of "Regulations for the Use and Control of the Wharves of Lourenço Marques," containing information regarding the berthing and removal of vessels at that port, loading and unloading operations, the storage of goods, tariffs of charges, &c.

**Steamships of
Scandinavia and
Japan admitted
to Coasting
Trade of Eastern
Canada.**

Road Transport.

**Port Regulations
and Charges at
Lourenço Marques.**

*Shipping and Transport.***PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA—continued.**

The above-mentioned copy of the Regulations (in English) may be consulted by United Kingdom shippers and shipowners at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (PANAMA CANAL ZONE).

The Acting British Consul at Colon (Mr. P. Helyar) has forwarded a copy of a circular, issued by the Governor of the Panama Canal, giving an outline of the policy decided upon by the Canal Administration in regard to applications by coal and fuel oil companies for the establishment of private coal and oil depôts on the Isthmus.

While the United States Government is establishing plants for supplying coal, fuel oil, &c. to shipping, it is not intended to prevent private interests from *selling* coal and fuel oil to shipping. Coal and fuel oil may be brought into the Canal Zone by individuals and companies without the payment of duty, unless such coal or fuel oil is disposed of for use outside the Canal Zone and within the territory of the Republic of Panama.

As it is the policy of the United States to retain complete control of the terminals, water frontage, and transportation by land and water across the Isthmus, an individual or company would not be warranted from a business standpoint in making, under the terms of a revocable licence, a large expenditure for dredging, wharf construction and similar improvements. The Government plants are being laid out so as to afford ample wharf room, and to provide ample modern coal and oil handling machinery, and, so far as coal is concerned, a certain area at each plant has been set aside for the private storage of coal which will be served by the Government's coal handling machinery with the same convenience as the area occupied by the Government coal pile. The Canal Administration will reimburse itself for cost of plant, &c. at rates apportioned among all who use these facilities. On account of lack of storage space and coal handling machinery, no arrangements can be made that will permit individuals and companies participating in Panama Canal coal business prior to the completion of the permanent plants. The Cristobal plant will be completed early in 1916 and the Balboa plant next July.

As regards fuel oil, the Government installations are completed, including cribs, oil handling plants, pipe lines, manifolds, &c. Applications can be made at any time for the lease of lots in the tank farms at Mount Hope and Balboa. (Reference should be made to the notice on p. 914 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd September last as regards rules governing the erection of oil tanks, storage of fuel oil, forms of licences, &c.)

(M. 34,299.)

MINERALS, METALS, AND MACHINERY.

SOUTH AFRICA.

H.M. Acting Trade Commissioner in South Africa (Mr. H. E. Gauntlett) reports that, according to the "South African Mining Journal" (Johannesburg) of 6th November, United States firms are undoubtedly pushing trade in South Africa in medium class motor cars. Already New York firms are arranging to send the most up-to-date cars; they give tempting financial facilities.

(C.I.B. 57,933.)

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Johannesburg (Lt. Col. C. A. C. Tremeer, D.S.O.) calls attention to the following statement regarding the increased prospects for the mica industry in the Komati Poort neighbourhood, which appears in the "South African Mining Journal" of 13th November:—

The advent of the railway in the low country between Zockmakaar and Komati Poort has improved the prospects of the mica industry in these parts. On one property a considerable amount of work has been done at one time and another, and the products are being shipped to the United Kingdom in fairly large quantities. Mica deposits have also been located adjacent to the line of railway by other owners, and operations are likely to be begun on one or more at an early date. There is no doubt a good and lasting market for the better qualities of sheet mica, and sheets sent from some parts of the pegmatite belt have fetched prices locally which have been as high as those obtained for the best Madras product. Prices ranging from 3s. 6d. to 15s. per lb. have been paid in Johannesburg for some of the best prepared mica.

(C.I.B. 57,926.)

TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MATERIALS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 23rd December, 1915, was 112,434 (including 53 bales British West Indian), and the number imported during the fifty-one weeks ended 23rd December, 1915, was 5,028,418 (including 5,049 bales British West Indian, 6,794 bales British West African, 30,772 bales British East African, and 2,390 bales foreign East African). The number of bales exported during the week ended 23rd December, 1915, was 4,057, and during the fifty-one weeks 583,673.

For further details see p. 919.

*Textiles and Textile Materials.***BRITISH INDIA.**

According to the Report of the Director of Statistics to the Indian Government, reviewing the trade of British India in the year ended 31st March, 1915, the exports of raw jute in 1914-15 amounted to 2,828,532 bales, valued at £8,600,000, as compared with 4,303,325 bales valued at £20,500,000 in the previous year. The decrease was, therefore, 34 per cent. in quantity, and 58 per cent. in value. By far the largest quantity went to the United Kingdom, *viz.*—1,487,248 bales; Germany, hitherto the second largest purchaser, took 168,174 bales in the first four months of the year; and the exports to the United States amounted to 454,244 bales. The exports of raw jute to the principal importing countries were as shown in the following table:—

To	1913-14	1914-15.
	Bales.	Bales.
United Kingdom	1,626,067	1,487,248
Germany	886,928	168,174
Austria-Hungary	256,072	64,882
Italy	211,512	232,433
France... ..	407,165	191,492
Spain	118,613	140,745
United States... ..	659,366	454,244

During the year 1914-15 there were 70 jute mills employing 37,830 looms and 795,528 spindles in British India, and towards the end of the year the Calcutta mills were never in a more prosperous state. The exports of jute manufactures from British India in 1914-15 amounted in value to £17,213,467 as compared with £18,848,733 in the preceding year. It will be noticed from the following table, which shows the quantities and values of jute manufactures exported, that the decline in the value of the trade was not due to smaller volume, but to a great decrease in the price of finished goods in sympathy with lower prices of the raw material:—

	1913-14		1914-15.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gunny bags ... ..No.	369,000,000	£ 8,353,400	398,000,000	£ 8,396,267
Gunny cloth ... ..yards	1,061,000,000	10,396,133	1,057,000,000	8,739,400
Other jute goods(including twist and yarn)... cwt.	33,000,000	99,200	64,000,000	77,800
Total	—	18,848,733	—	17,213,467

*Textiles and Textile Materials.***RUSSIA.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché in Petrograd (Mr. H. Cooke) reports that the "Torg-Prom. Gazeta" (Petrograd) of 15th/28th November, in a detailed report of this year's cotton crops in Russian Central Asia, states that as a result of the favourable weather conditions prevailing during the year, and of an increase of about 10 per cent. in the area sown, the yield in quantity is not less than 15 per cent. above that of last year, which was also a very satisfactory one. In quality the new crop is fully satisfactory. The fibre everywhere is better than last year's, being long, soft and silky, of good white colour, and for the most part stronger than the previous crop. This favourable report, which is fully confirmed by data of the Kokand Bourse Committee and those of the Statistical Bureau of the Turkestan Agricultural Department, entitles this year's crop to be described as excellent both in quality and quantity. It is all the more welcome, at a moment when the home spinning industry for the first time may possibly be forced to supply itself with the necessary raw material from Russian sources, *i.e.* from the Central Asian territories and from the Caucasus, where, too, this year's yield is a very good one.

The issue of the "Gazeta" of 11th/24th November publishes a lengthy signed article on the Russian supply of and demand for cotton for the season 1915/16. The total demand for cotton, including that required for the manufacture of explosives, is worked out at 23,000,000 pounds. The stocks in hand on 25th August/7th September were 9,013,000 pounds, or, allowing 5,750,000 pounds as three months' supplies for normal current needs, the balance available for the season 1915/16 will be 3,263,000 pounds. Adding to this the new Central Asian crop (16,740,000 pounds) and the Caucasian (1,715,000 pounds) the total supplies will be 21,718,000 pounds. This leaves a balance to be obtained from abroad of 1,282,000 pounds which could be supplied by foreign cotton coming *via* Asiatic frontiers (usual import 2,000,000 pounds) and by American and Egyptian supplies. The possibility of supplies *via* Asiatic frontiers is doubtful under present conditions, but in any case the Russian cotton spinning industry should be able to curtail considerably its import of foreign fibre as compared with previous years.

Note.—The import of foreign cotton into Russia in 1912 amounted to 10,981,000 pounds, and in 1913 to 12,021,775 pounds. The import in 1913 included 4,739,670 pounds from the United States; 2,798,898 pounds from Germany; 1,611,540 pounds from Persia; 969,505 pounds from the United Kingdom; and 830,457 pounds from Turkey.

The annual consumption of foreign as compared with Russian cotton by the Russian textile industries is shown in the following table:—

*Textiles and Textile Materials.***RUSSIA—continued.**

Season.	Foreign	Russian	Total.
	cotton.	cotton.	
	Pouids.	Pouids.	Pouids.
1910/11	11,945,000	13,925,000	25,870,000
1911/12	12,293,000	13,420,000	25,713,000
1912/13	10,840,000	13,101,000	23,941,000

1,000 pouids = 16 tons (about).

(C. 45,322.)

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Petrograd also reports that the "Torg.-Prom. Gazeta" (Petrograd) of 19th November/2nd December describes this year's hemp crop in Russia as satisfactory, but somewhat less than last year's. In the Governments of Penza, Simbirsk and Kaluga the yield is a good one, 5 to 15 per cent. above that of last year, while in those of Tchernigov and Poltava it is 5 to 20 per cent. below last year's. In some districts of the Governments of Viatka and Voronezh the yield is not fully satisfactory. In the remaining hemp-growing Governments the crop is satisfactory, being about equal to last year's. In quality the yield is satisfactory, the fibre in many places exceeding last year's in length, strength, colour and elasticity; coarse and short qualities are rare. (C. 45,125.)

AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTS.**UNITED KINGDOM.**

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 25th December, 1915, were as follows:—

Wheat	...	...	...	53s. 10d.
Barley	...	...	...	47s. 2d.
Oats	...	...	...	30s. 7d.

For further particulars see p. 919.

For notices relative to raw materials for textiles see under Textiles and Textile Materials.

BRITISH INDIA.

In his Review of the Trade of India in 1914-15, the Director of Statistics of British India states that the year was an eventful one for the sugar trade. In the year ended 31st March, 1915, the imports amounted in value to £7,000,000, as compared with £10,000,000 in the previous year. This was 54 per cent., in place of 60 per cent. in 1913-14, of

*Agricultural and Forest Products.***BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

the aggregate value of the class of imports "food, drink and tobacco." The total quantity of sugar (including confectionery and molasses) imported was 550,000 tons, of which some 21,500 tons represented beet sugar. Cane sugar fell from 728,200 tons in 1913-14 to 406,600 tons, a decrease of 44 per cent. The imports of cane sugar from Java and Mauritius decreased by 266,200 tons or 46 per cent., and 57,900 tons or 41 per cent. respectively, as compared with 1913-14. A small consignment of 500 tons of Egyptian sugar, valued at 160,000 rupees, was imported into Calcutta, and one of 1,995 tons, worth 581,000 rupees, into Bombay towards the end of the year. A small consignment of 700 tons of refined cane sugar was also imported from Japan.

The following table shows the quantities of sugar imported in 1913-14 and 1914-15, and the principal countries of supply:—

	1913-14.		1914-15.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Beet—	Tons.	Rupees.	Tons.	Rupees.
Austria-Hungary ...	74,001	13,767,000	21,405	3,836,000
Germany ...	686	124,000	103	18,000
Other countries ...	47	14,000	14	4,000
Total ...	74,734	13,905,000	21,522	3,858,000
Cane—				
Java ...	582,995	102,677,000	316,748	74,591,000
Mauritius ...	139,568	25,013,000	81,718	17,029,000
Other countries ...	5,681	1,290,000	8,108	2,279,000
Total ...	728,244	128,980,000	406,574	93,899,000

Serious attempts are being made to improve the Indian sugar position, and to remove the stigma that India (which is the largest producer of sugar cane in the world) is importing increasing quantities of cane sugar from other countries at the expense of her home industry. India now imports in normal years about 10 per cent. of the total supply of cane sugar outside India. The production of cane sugar in British India in 1914-15 was estimated at 2,367,000 tons on an area of 2,315,000 acres, the production showing an increase of 3 per cent. but the area a decrease of 9 per cent. as compared with the previous year's figures. An addition of about 14,300 tons should be made for the non-reported cane area and of about 300,000 tons representing the produce from date and palmyra palm sugar. Bengal produced about 90,000 tons of date and palmyra palm sugar; the figures for other Provinces are not available.

Rupee = 1s. 4d. at par.

MISCELLANEOUS.

VENEZUELA.

H.M. Minister at Caracas reports, under date 20th November, that a falling-off in the import and export trade of Venezuela since the war began is noticeable, though of late trade has improved. Imports from the United States have increased proportionately at the expense of other exporting countries since the outbreak of war.

The total value of imports into Venezuela during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1915, was £2,336,663 as compared with £3,489,548 in 1913-14, and the value of the exports was £4,103,761 in 1914-15 as compared with £5,401,697 in the preceding year.

The following table, based on statistics taken from an official publication, shows the share of the principal countries in the trade of the Republic in the two years ended 30th June, 1914 and 1915:—

	Imports into Venezuela.		Exports from Venezuela.	
	1913-14.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1914-15.
	₹	£	£	£
United States	1,137,805	1,346,402	1,767,183	2,488,834
United Kingdom and Colonies	835,189	423,262	382,260	331,580
Netherlands and Colonies ...	351,437	196,838	170,085	366,150
Italy	109,913	110,214	38,076	114,855
France and Colonies	220,000	90,226	1,729,938	474,996
Spain and Colonies	116,360	89,576	261,131	213,406
Germany	494,058	59,165	854,068	43,811

(C. 45,084.)

JAPAN (COREA).

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a copy of the Report for 1913-14 on the Reforms and Progress in Chosen (Korea), compiled by the Government-General of Chosen. This comprehensive report deals with administration, finance, currency, engineering works, communications, agriculture, trade and industry, mining, forestry, fisheries, education, &c. Statistical tables relating *inter alia* to the trade of Corea during the last ten years, shipping, &c., are appended to the Report, while a large map of the Territory and a number of illustrations are also included.

The above-mentioned copy of the Report may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.*

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of November, 1915, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased* at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 6d. per copy (post free 1s. 11d.).

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1914 has been issued in two volumes, and may be purchased* at a cost of 5s. 9d. (post free 6s. 3d.) for the first volume and 4s. 2d. (post free 4s. 8d.) for the second. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1909-1913, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article consigned from and to each country; and in the second volume details as to Customs revenue, transshipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British Possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published (price 1d.) by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important contents of the December issue:— State of the Labour Market in the United Kingdom for November; Employment in Germany in October; Retail Food Prices in the United Kingdom, Berlin, and Italy; Industrial Canteens; Sunday Labour in Munition Works.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Passenger Movement from and to the United Kingdom. November.
[Cd. 7,808-X.] Price ½d.

Return showing for the month and eleven months ended November in each of the years 1914 and 1915:—

(1) The numbers of the passengers that left permanent residence in the United Kingdom to take up permanent residence in places out of Europe, and the numbers that arrived from places out of Europe to take up permanent residence in the United Kingdom; and

(2) The numbers of the passengers that left, or arrived in, the United Kingdom for, or from, places out of Europe; and the numbers of passengers between the United Kingdom and ports on the Continent of Europe, or within the Mediterranean Sea.

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Government Publications.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

THE following Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers which have been issued in the Annual and Miscellaneous Series since the 1st January, 1915, may be obtained, either directly or through any bookseller, from the usual Sale Agents for Government Publications (see list on Cover).

The titles of the Miscellaneous Series are printed in italics.

No.	Place.	Price.	No.	Place.	Price.
EUROPE—			EUROPE <i>continued—</i>		
Bulgaria :			Portugal and Colonies :		
5506	Bulgaria, 1914	1½d.	5529	Angola, 1914... ..	1½d.
Denmark and Colonies :			5492	Azores, 1914	1½d.
5465	Denmark, 1913	2½d.	5484	Chinde, 1914	1½d.
5485	St. Thomas and St. Croix, 1914	1d.	5488	Goa, 1913-14	½d.
France and Colonies :			5514	Lisbon, 1914	2½d.
5444	Algeria, 1913	4d.	5486	Madeira, 1914	½d.
5462	Brest 1914	1½d.	5418	Portuguese Guinea, 1913 ...	1d.
5524	Calais, 1914	1d.	5496	San Thomé and Principe, 1914... ..	1d.
5457	Corsica, 1914... ..	½d.	5497	Southern Angola, 1914 ...	1d.
5423	Dakar (recent years)	3d.	Russia :		
5494	French Congo, 1912-13	1½d.	5454	Batoum, 1914	3s.
5435	Nice, 1913	1d.	5415	Moscow, 1913	4½d.
5505	Pondicherry and Karikal, 1914... ..	1d.	5432	Riga	3½d.
5530	Réunion, 1914	1d.	5436	Odessa, 1913... ..	5d.
5439	Rouen, 1913	4d.	Spain and Colonies :		
5442	Saigon, 1913... ..	2d.	5440	Spain, 1913	3d.
5531	Trade of Vice-Consular Dis- tricts in Consular District of Havre, 1914	1½d.	5453	Canary Islands, 1914	2d.
Germany and Colonies :			5519	Gulf of Guinea, Spanish Possessions, 1914	1½d.
5441	German East Africa, 1912-13	3½d.	AFRICA—		
5466	Samoa, 1913... ..	1d.	Abyssinia :		
5417	Togoland, 1913	½d.	5422	Abyssinia, 1913	2½d.
Greece :			5421	Gambela, 1913	1d.
5495	Corfu, 1914	2d.	5420	Harrar, 1913... ..	1d.
5483	Pirens, 1914... ..	2½d.	Belgian Congo :		
5449	Salonica, 1913	2d.	5493	Belgian Congo, 1913	2½d.
5429	Thessaly, 1913	1½d.	5520	Katanga, 1914	1d.
Italy and Colonies :			Egypt :		
5426	Bengasi, 1913	1½d.	5502	Alexandria, 1914	4d.
5448	Finances of Italy, 1914	2d.	5474	Port Said, 1914	2d.
5491	Italy, 1914	2d.	Morocco :		
5438	Milan, 1913	3d.	5467	Morocco, 1913	4d.
5528	Rome, 1914	1½d.	Tunis.		
Netherlands and Colonies :			5431	Tunis, 1913	3d.
5523	Rotterdam, 1914	3½d.	ASIA—		
5456	Surinam, 1913	1d.	China :		
Norway :			5490	Amoy, 1914	1½d.
5464	Norway, 1913	4d.	5507	Canton, 1914	1d.
5534	Norway (Supplementary) 1913... ..	1½d.	5489	Changsha, 1914	2d.
			5424	China, 1913	3d.
			5472	Chingkiang, 1914	1½d.
			5461	Foochow, 1914	2d.

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Foreign Office Reports—continued.

No.	Place.	Price.	No.	Place.	Price.
ASIA continued—			NORTH AMERICA—		
China continued—			Mexico :		
5460	Hangehow, 1914 ...	1½d.			
5463	Iehang, 1914... ..	1½d.			
5471	Kiukiang, 1914 ...	2d.	5522	Vera Cruz, 1914 ...	1d.
5509	Kiungchow, 1914 ...	1½d.			
5455	Nanking, 1914 ...	2d.			
5480	Shanghai, 1914 ...	11½d.			
5479	Shasi, 1914	1½d.	5504	Chicago, 1914	3d.
5468	Swatow, 1914	½d.	5434	Galveston, 1913 ...	9d.
5470	Teng Yueh, 1914 ...	1d.	5459	Hawaii, 1913-14 ...	1d.
5469	Tientsin, 1914 ...	1½d.	5443	New Orleans, 1913 ...	3d.
5517	Tsinan and Tsingtau, 1914...	½d.	5513	Philippine Islands, 1914 ...	2d.
5499	Wuchow, 1914	1½d.	5512	St. Louis, 1914	3d.
5498	Wuhu, 1914	1½d.			
	Corea :		SOUTH AMERICA—		
5500	Corea, 1913	3½d.	Argentina :		
	Japan :		5458	Rosario (recent years)	1½d.
5508	Dairen, 1914... ..	2½d.			
5487	Formosa, 1914	2½d.	5416	Bolivia, 1913	3d.
5503	Japan, 1914	5½d.			
5478	Hakodate, 1914 ...	2d.			
5445	Nagasaki, 1913 ...	2d.	5451	Brazil, 1912-13	2½d.
5510	Osaka, 1914	2½d.	5526	Pará, 1914	2d.
5516	Shimonoseki	3½d.			
	Muscat :		Chile :		
5473	Muscat, 1913-14 ...	2½d.	5476	Antofagasta, 1914 ...	1d.
	Persia :		5452	Coquimbo, 1914	1½d.
5450	Arabistan, 1913-14 ...	2d.			
5433	Bahrein Islands, 1913-14 ...	2½d.	5437	Bogotá, 1909-13	3d.
5425	Bunder Abbas, 1913-14 ...	2d.			
5430	Bushire, 1913-14 ...	3½d.			
5521	Isfahan, 1913-14 ...	3½d.	5427	Nicaragua, 1911-13...	1½d.
5482	Kerman, 1913-14 ...	1½d.			
5419	Kermanshah, 1913-14 ...	1d.			
5481	Khorasan, 1913-14 ...	2d.			
5515	Persia, 1913-14	1½d.	5501	Peru :	
	Siam :				
5428	Bangkok, 1913-14 ...	2½d.			
5446	Chiengmai, 1913	2d.			
5447	Senggora, 1913-14 ...	2d.			
			Venezuela :		
			5532	Caracas, 1913-14 ..	3d.
			5518	Ciudad Bolivar	1½d.
			WEST INDIES—		
			5477	Dominican Republic, 1914...	2½d.

*Government Publications.***COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.**

The following Reports relating to H.M. Colonial Possessions, issued since 1st January, 1915, may be obtained, either directly or through any bookseller, from the usual Sale Agents for Government Publications (see list on Cover):—

No.	Place.	Price
Annual—		
827	British Honduras, 1913	2d.
828	Colonial Survey Committee, 1913-14... ..	2½d.
829	Tongan Islands Protectorate, 1913-14	2d.
830	Swaziland, 1913-14	2½d.
831	Uganda, 1913-14	2d.
832	Nyasaland, 1913-14	2½d.
833	British Guiana, 1913-14	2d.
834	Entomology Imperial Bureau, 1914	1d.
835	St. Vincent, 1913-14	2d.
836	St. Lucia, 1913-14	2d.
837	Somaliland, 1913-14	2d.
838	Straits Settlements, 1913	2d.
839	Cayman Islands (Jamaica), 1913-14	1d.
840	East Africa Protectorate, 1913-14	4½d.
841	Leeward Islands, 1913-14	4½d.
842	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate, 1912-14	1d.
843	Zanzibar, 1914	2½d.
844	Turks and Caicos Islands, 1914	1d.
845	Weihaiwei, 1914	2d.
846	Seyehelles, 1914	2d.
847	St. Helena, 1914... ..	1½d.
848	Fiji, 1914	2½d.
849	Bahamas, 1914-15	2½d.
850	Gibraltar, 1914	2d.
851	Sierra Leone, 1914	3d.
852	Grenada, 1914	2½d.
853	Bermuda, 1914	—
854	Malta, 1914-15	2½d.
855	Ceylon, 1914	3½d.
856	Hong Kong, 1914	4d.
857	Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1914-15... ..	1d.
858	Basutoland, 1914-15	2d.
859	Gold Coast, 1914... ..	3d.
860	Jamaica, 1914-15	3d.
861	Gambia, 1914	1½d.
862	Straits Settlements, 1914	3d.
864	Ashanti, 1914	3d.
865	Cyprus, 1914-15	3d.
866	Swaziland, 1914-15	3d.
867	Somaliland, 1914-15	2d.
868	British Honduras, 1914... ..	2d.
869	British Solomon Islands, 1914-15	½d.
870	Tongan Islands Protectorate, 1914-15... ..	1½d.
Miscellaneous—		
90	St. Vincent: Report on the Administration of the Roads and Land Settlement Fund, 1st January, 1911, to 31st March, 1914	1½d.

FOREIGN & COLONIAL PUBLICATIONS.

The following is a list of the more important Articles on trade subjects contained in the Foreign and Colonial Publications recently received and filed for reference at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, and which are open to inspection in the Reading Room of the Branch at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. :—

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

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| <p>Agricultural, Dairy and Forest Products.</p> <p>Lumber Trade of British Columbia.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 1st Dec.</p> <p>Refined Sugar: Venezuelan Trade.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 27th Nov.</p> <p>Lime Growing in Jamaica.
" <i>Journal of the Jamaican Agricultural Society</i> " (Kingston), Nov.</p> <p>United States Cotton Crop, 1914.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 26th Nov.</p> <p>Sisal Hemp Industries in Manila and Brazil.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 3rd Dec.</p> <p>Jamaican "Wet Sugar."
" <i>Journal of the Jamaican Agricultural Society</i> " (Kingston), Nov.</p> <p>Sugar Beet Crop in the United States.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 4th Dec.</p> <p>Metals, Mining and Minerals.</p> <p>Molybdenum and Tungsten Deposits (New) in Chile.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 4th Dec.</p> <p>Magnetic Separators in Sardinia.
" <i>Mining Journal</i> " (New York), 4th Dec.</p> <p>Brown Coal Market in Mid-Germany.
" <i>Börsen Zeitung</i> " (Berlin), 11th Dec.</p> <p>Mineral Oil Industry in Austria.
" <i>Börsen Zeitung</i> " (Berlin), 11th Dec.</p> <p>Iron and Steel Tax. proposed, in the United States.
" <i>Iron Age</i> " (New York), Dec.</p> <p>Railways, Shipping and Transport.</p> <p>Argentine and Uruguayan Railways: Traffic Receipts.
" <i>Review of the River Plate</i> " (Buenos Aires), 26th Nov.</p> <p>Urgent Need of Ships for United States Exports.
" <i>Journal of Commerce</i> " (New York), 9th Dec.</p> <p>Textiles and Textile Materials.</p> <p>Profits of Indian Cotton Mills.
<i>Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 23rd Nov.</p> | <p>Commercial, Financial and Economic.</p> <p>Japan: Economic Conditions.
<i>Supplement to Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 26th Nov.</p> <p>Canada: Natural Resources.
" <i>Journal of Commerce</i> " (Montreal), 30th Nov.</p> <p>Dutch East Indies: Economic Conditions.
<i>Supplement to Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 30th Nov.</p> <p>Leipzig: Industrial Reports.
" <i>Handelsberichten</i> " (The Hague), 16th Dec.</p> <p>German East Africa: Mining and Railway Prospects.
" <i>South African Mining Journal</i> " (Johannesburg), 20th Nov.</p> <p>Corca and Formosa: Trade conditions in 1914.
<i>Supplement to Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 2nd Dec.</p> <p>Nicaragua: Trade.
<i>Supplement to Commerce Reports</i> (Washington), 1st Dec.</p> <p>Canada: Industrial Conditions, October, 1915.
" <i>Labour Gazette</i> " (Ottawa), Nov.</p> <p>Nova Scotia: Labour Legislation.
" <i>Labour Gazette</i> " (Ottawa), Nov.</p> <p>United States International Trade Conference.
" <i>Iron Age</i> " (New York), 9th Dec.</p> <p>South America: Exports to Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay from New York, September, 1915.
" <i>Review of the River Plate</i> " (Buenos Aires), 20th Nov.</p> <p>Miscellaneous.</p> <p>Sooke Lake Water Supply for Victoria, British Columbia.
" <i>Engineering News</i> " (New York), 18th Nov.</p> <p>Our Opportunity in Herring Packing.
" <i>Canadian Fisherman</i> " (Montreal), Dec.</p> <p>Commercial Aspects of the Canadian Fishing Industry.
" <i>Canadian Fisherman</i> " (Montreal), Dec.</p> <p>Horse Breeding Industry in South Africa.
" <i>South African Farmers' Advocate</i> " (Bloemfontein), Nov.</p> |
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Foreign and Colonial Publications.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Canada.—

Ontario Bureau of Industries: Report for 1914.

Directory of the Milling Industry in Canada.

Department of Mines: The Devonian of South-western Ontario (Memoir 34).

Department of Mines: Notes on the Geology of the Lower Saskatchewan River Valley.

Gold Coast.—Blue Book. 1914.

Sudan.—Report of Sudan Government Railways for 1914.

Cuba.—"Cuba" (a descriptive pamphlet published by the Department of Agriculture).

Russia.—Handbook on Commercial and Industrial Conditions (United States "Special Agent Series," No. 61).

Sweden.—Trade Directory, 1916 (in Swedish).

**TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES IN LONDON OF THE
SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.**

Trade Enquiry Offices are *maintained* in London at the following addresses by the *Governments indicated, viz.:*—

Dominion of Canada	...	...	19, Victoria Street, S.W.; also Portland House, Basinghall Street, E.C. (Office of the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner).
Commonwealth of Australia.	...	72, Victoria Street, S.W.	
New South Wales	...	123-5, Cannon Street, E.C.	
Victoria	...	Melbourne Place, Strand, W.C.	
Queensland	...	409, West Strand, W.C.	
South Australia	...	85, Gracechurch Street, E.C.	
Western Australia	...	Savoy House, 115-6, Strand, W.C.	
Tasmania	...	56, Victoria Street, S.W.	
Dominion of New Zealand	...	13, Victoria Street, S.W.	
Union of South Africa	...	Trades Commissioner, 90, Cannon Street, E.C.	

Trade enquiries in regard to Rhodesia may be made at the office of the British South Africa Co., 2, London Wall Buildings, E.C.

H.M. TRADE COMMISSIONERS AND THE TRADE CORRESPONDENTS OF THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE IN THE BRITISH SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS, BRITISH INDIA, AND THE BRITISH COLONIES, POSSESSIONS AND PROTECTORATES.

The following is a list of the Officers who undertake the duty of answering commercial enquiries which may be addressed to them either by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, or by British manufacturers and traders. Postage must be prepaid on all communications addressed to these Officers.

It is suggested that, in all cases, commercial enquiries should first be made to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., as the information required may already be available at the Branch.

BRITISH SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

H.M. Trade Commissioners.

Canada and Newfoundland.	Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes, 3, Beaver Hall Square, Montreal. (Telegraphic Address, "Britcom").
Commonwealth of Australia.	Mr. G. T. Milne, Commerce House, Flinders Street, Melbourne (Telegraphic Address, "Combrit"), and 81, Pitt Street, Sydney (Telegraphic Address, "Combritto").
New Zealand...	Mr. R. W. Dalton, P.O. Box 369, 11, Grey Street, Wellington. (Telegraphic Address, "Advantage").
South Africa ...	Mr. W. G. Wiekham, P.O. Box 1346, Norwich Union Buildings, St. George's Street, Cape Town. (Telegraphic Address, "Austere").

Imperial Trade Correspondents appointed by the Board of Trade.

CANADA—	
Alberta ...	Mr. J. F. Sweeting, Industrial Section, Natural Resources Department, Canadian Pacific Railway Offices, Calgary.
British Columbia ...	Mr. P. G. Shallcross, c/o Messrs. Shallcross, Macaulay & Co., Ltd., 144, Water Street, Vancouver. Mr. J. J. Shallcross, c/o Messrs. Shallcross, Macaulay & Co., Ltd., P.O. Drawer 730, Victoria.
Manitoba ...	Mr. W. J. Healy, Free Press Building, Winnipeg.
New Brunswick ...	Mr. W. E. Anderson, 162, Prince William Street, St. John.
Nova Scotia ...	Mr. E. A. Saunders, Board of Trade, Halifax.
Ontario ...	Mr. F. W. Fiehl, P.O. Box 176, Toronto.
Quebec ...	H.M. Trade Commissioner—see list above, Montreal. Mr. G. B. Ramsey, 53, Dalhousie Street, Quebec.
NEWFOUNDLAND ...	Mr. H. W. Le Messurier, Assistant Collector of Customs, St. John's.
AUSTRALIA—	
New South Wales ...	H.M. Trade Commissioner—see list above.
Queensland ...	Mr. M. Finucan, P.O. Box 337, Brisbane.
South Australia ...	Mr. J. K. Samuel, Brookman's Building, Adelaide.
Tasmania ...	Mr. A. H. Ashbolt, 23, Old Wharf, Hobart.
Victoria ...	H.M. Trade Commissioner—see list above.
Western Australia ...	H. C. F. Keall (Acting Correspondent), 17-20, South British Chambers, Perth.
NEW ZEALAND—	
Auckland ...	Mr. A. J. Denniston, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 47, Auckland.
Dunedin ...	Mr. W. T. Monkman, Bond Street, Dunedin.
Wellington ...	H.M. Trade Commissioner—see list above.

Imperial Trade Correspondents appointed by the Board of Trade—continued.**SOUTH AFRICA—**

Cape Colony	...	...	H. M. Trade Commissioner—see list above, Cape Town. Mr. J. S. Neave, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Library Buildings, Main Street, Port Elizabeth (and for East London).
Natal	...	...	Mr. A. D. C. Agnew, 412, Berea Road, Durban.
Orange Free State	...	...	Mr. G. Smetham, P.O. Box 101, Fichardt Chambers, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein.
Rhodesia	...	...	Mr. E. C. Baxter, P.O. Box 599, Bulawayo.
Transvaal	...	...	Lt.-Col. C. A. C. Tremer, D.S.O., P.O. Box 839, Johannesburg.

BRITISH INDIA.

Correspondent appointed by arrangement between the India Office and the Board of Trade	The Director-General of Commercial Intelligence, I. Council House Street, Calcutta.
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BRITISH COLONIES, POSSESSIONS AND PROTECTORATES.

Correspondents designated to act in an honorary capacity by the Governor of the Colony, Possession or Protectorate in which they reside.

EAST INDIES -

British North Borneo	...	...	The Superintendent of Customs, Sandakan.
Ceylon	...	...	The Principal Collector of Customs, Colombo.
Federated Malay States	...	...	The Commissioner of Trade and Customs, Kuala Lumpur.
Straits Settlements	...	...	The Registrar of Imports and Exports, Singapore. The Resident, Labuan.

WEST AFRICA—

Gambia	...	...	The Receiver General, Customs Department, Bathurst.
Gold Coast	...	...	The Comptroller of Customs, Accra.
Nigeria	...	...	The Cantonment Magistrate, Lokoja. The Comptroller of Customs, Lagos.
Sierra Leone	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Freetown.

EAST AFRICA—

British East Africa	...	...	The Chief of Customs, Mombasa.
Nyasaland	...	...	Mr. J. C. Casson, Superintendent of Native Affairs, Zomba.
Uganda	...	...	Mr. H. M. Tarrant, Director of Customs, Entebbe.

SOUTH AFRICA—

Basutoland	...	...	The Government Secretary, Maseru.
Bechuanaland	...	...	Mr. Vernon Eason, Francistown.

WEST INDIES—

Antigua	...	...	The Treasurer, Antigua.
Bahamas	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Nassau.
Barbados	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Bridgetown.
Dominica	...	...	The Treasurer, Dominica.
Grenada	...	...	The Collector of Customs, Grenada.
Jamaica	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Kingston.
Montserrat	...	...	The First Treasury Officer, Montserrat.
St. Kitts-Nevis	...	...	The Assistant Treasurer, St. Kitts.
St. Lucia	...	...	The Treasurer, St. Lucia.
St. Vincent	...	...	The Supervisor of Customs, St. Vincent.
Trinidad	...	...	The Collector of Customs, Port of Spain.
Virgin Islands	...	...	The Commissioner, Virgin Islands.
BERMUDA	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Bermuda.
BRITISH GUIANA	...	...	The Comptroller of Customs, Georgetown.
BRITISH HONDURAS	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Belize.
CYPRUS	...	...	The Chief Collector of Customs and Excise, Larnaca.
FALKLAND ISLANDS	...	...	The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.
FIJI ISLANDS	...	...	The Receiver General, Suva.
GIBALTAR	...	...	The Colonial Secretary.
HONG-KONG	...	...	Mr. E. A. M. Williams, Chamber of Commerce, New Government Building, Hong Kong.
MALTA	...	...	The Collector of Customs, Valletta.
MAURITIUS	...	...	The Collector of Customs, Port Louis.
ST. HELENA	...	...	Mr. A. Hands.
SEYCHELLES	...	...	The Clerk to the Governor.
ZANZIBAR	...	...	The Chief Secretary to the Government.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the week and 51 weeks ended 23rd December, 1915 :—

	Week ended 23rd Dec., 1915.	51 Weeks ended 23rd Dec., 1915.	Week ended 23rd Dec., 1915.	51 Weeks ended 23rd Dec., 1915.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	74,688	3,971,758	3,445	294,225
Brazilian	—	24,011	57	1,472
East Indian	—	203,462	152	61,254
Egyptian	34,521	638,340	393	224,512
Miscellaneous	3,225*	190,847†	10	2,210
Total	112,434	5,028,418	4,057	583,673

* Including 53 bales British West Indian.

† Including 5,049 bales British West Indian, 6,794 bales British West African, 30,772 bales British East African, and 2,390 bales foreign East African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 25th December, 1915, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
Week ended 25th December, 1915...	53 10	47 2	30 7
Corresponding Week in—			
1908	32 0	26 7	17 4
1909	33 3	25 1	17 4
1910	30 5	23 9	16 9
1911	33 0	33 4	20 7
1912	29 10	28 6	19 2
1913	31 0	25 10	18 4
1914	43 3	29 9	25 11

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH of the BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest is collected and classified in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies are given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters. As far as is possible, the Branch supplies, on personal or written application, information with regard to the following subjects: Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender and other openings for British trade; Lists of manufacturers at home and lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Commercial Statistics; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c. of Trade Products; Shipping and Transport; &c., &c.

Samples of foreign competitive goods and commercial products which are received from abroad from time to time are exhibited at the offices of the Branch.

A British Industries Fair will be held in the buildings of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W., from 21st February to 3rd March, 1916. Particulars regarding the Fair will be found on p. 872.

The "Board of Trade Journal" is published weekly and is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" may be obtained, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., 29, Bream's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; from H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; from Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, the Continent of Europe and Abroad of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 1, Adelphi Terrace, London, W.C. The price is 3d. per copy or 15s. 2d. per annum, post free in the United Kingdom, the rate for places abroad, inclusive of postage, being 19s. 6d. All applications regarding advertisement rates, &c., should be sent direct to the sole contractors for advertisements, Messrs. Laughton & Co., Ltd., 3, Wellington Street, Strand, London, W.C.

Particulars relating to the supply of **confidential information** to firms in the United Kingdom are given on p. 871.

All communications intended for the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade should be addressed to: **The Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch, Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.**; or **32, Cheapside, E.C.**, if the communication relate to matters connected with the forthcoming British Industries Fair or with Samples of German and Austrian goods.

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The following is a list of Chambers of Commerce established in certain foreign countries in the interest of British trade:—

- Argentina** ... British Chamber of Commerce for the Argentine Republic, Calle Reconquista 46, Buenos Aires.
(Agent in London—Mr. D. Begg, 793, Salisbury House, E.C.)
- Balkan States** See under Greece and Roumania.
- Belgium** ... British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (Incorp.). During the war the address will be: c/o London Chamber of Commerce, 97, Cannon Street, E.C.
- China** ... British Chamber of Commerce, 1, The Bund, Shanghai.
British Chamber of Commerce, British Municipal Council Buildings, Hankow.
British Chamber of Commerce, Canton.
British Chamber of Commerce, Tientsin.
- Egypt** ... British Chamber of Commerce of Egypt, 6, Rue de l'Ancienne Bourse, Alexandria, and Savoy Chambers, Cairo.
(Agents in Suez and London—Messrs. Back & Manson, Egypt House, 36, New Broad Street, E.C.)
- France** ... British Chamber of Commerce, Paris (Incorp.), 9, Rue des Pyramides, Paris.
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Part II.—Unemployment.

Application to the Umpire.

In pursuance of Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated 26th day of March, 1912, Notice is hereby given that the Umpire (Unemployment Insurance) has received application for a decision as to whether contributions are payable or not in respect of the following classes of persons:—

354. Workmen engaged in the **Manufacture of Shells for war purposes** and described as engaged in cutting Steel Bars into short lengths or Billets, heating billets in furnaces, piercing billets with Hydraulic Presses or Punches, reheating and nosing shells by Hydraulic Machine.

Any representations with reference to the above application may be made in writing to the Umpire by, or on behalf of, any workman or employer appearing to him to be interested, or on behalf of the Board of Trade, and forwarded to the Registrar, Office of the Umpire, 47, Victoria Street, London, S.W., on or before 13th January, 1916.

Notice is further given that the Umpire proposes to give his decision on the above application on or after 17th January, 1916.

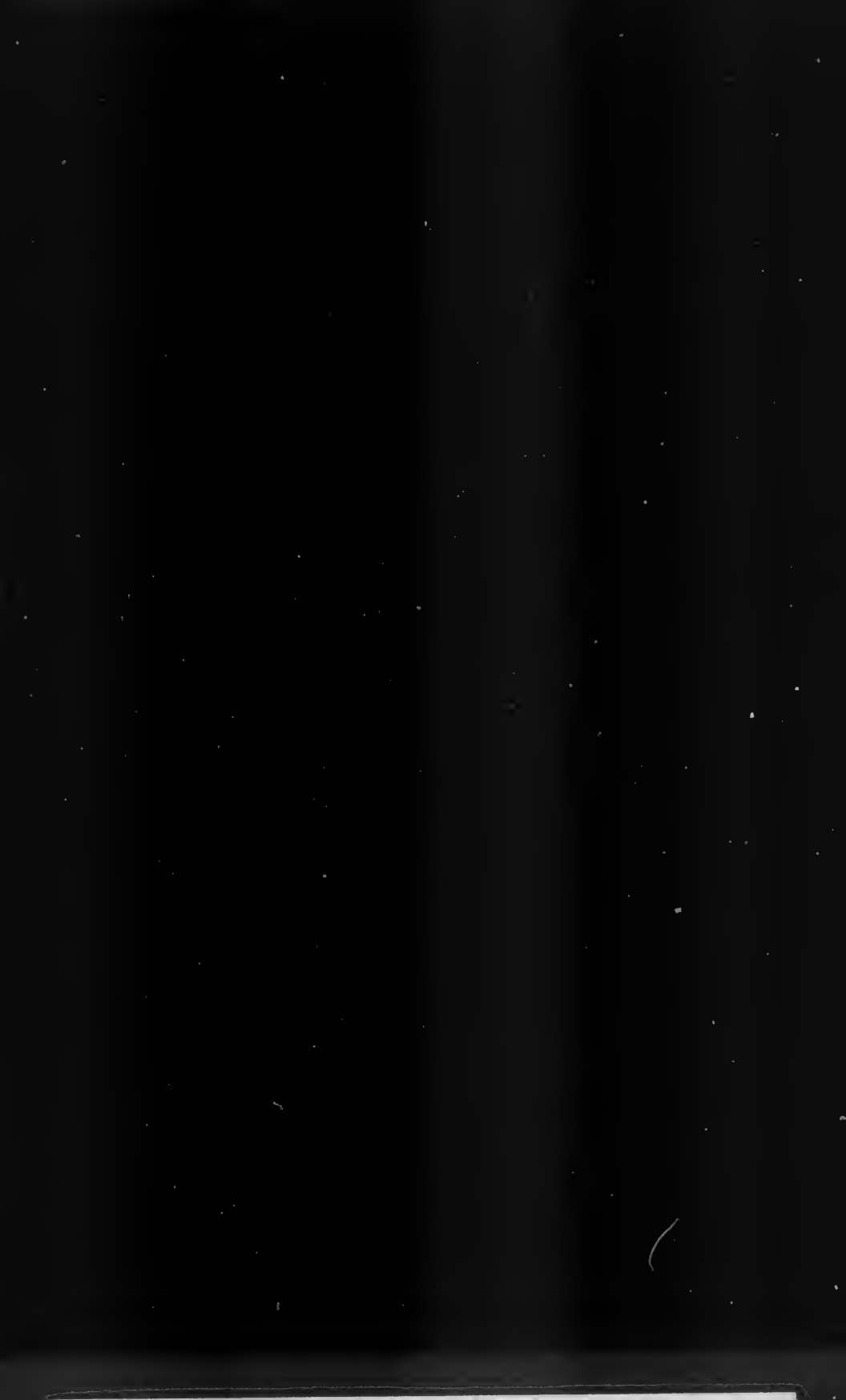
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All such representations and information shall be open to inspection by any employer or workman appearing to the Umpire to be interested or any persons authorised in that behalf by any such employer or workman or the Board of Trade.

4. Any persons claiming to be interested may apply to the Umpire to be heard by him orally in reference to any application under these Regulations, and the Umpire may, in any case in which he thinks it desirable, require the attendance of any person before him to give oral information on the subject of any application.

The decisions of the Umpire upon the foregoing will be announced in the "Board of Trade Journal" in due course.





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By order,

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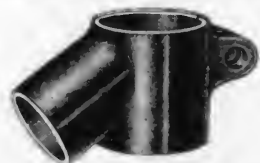
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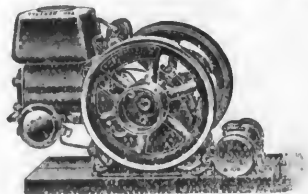
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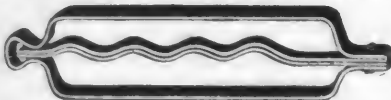
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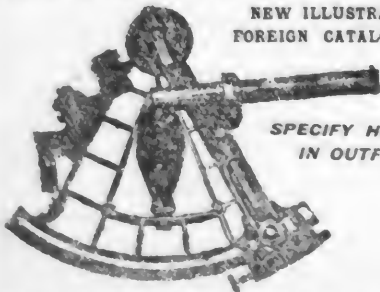
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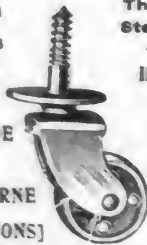
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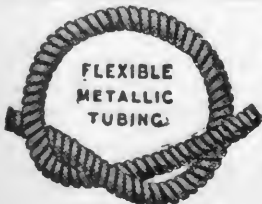
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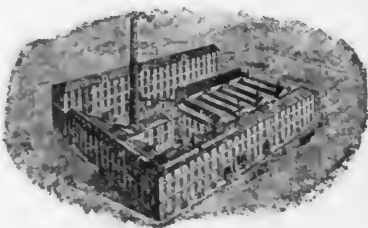
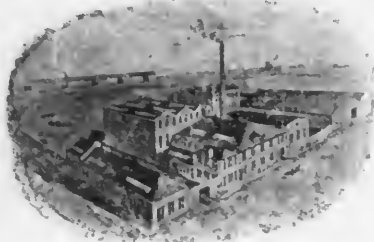
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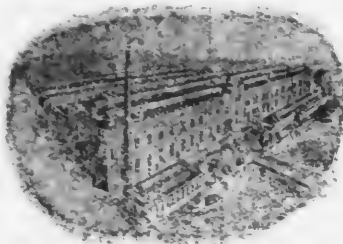


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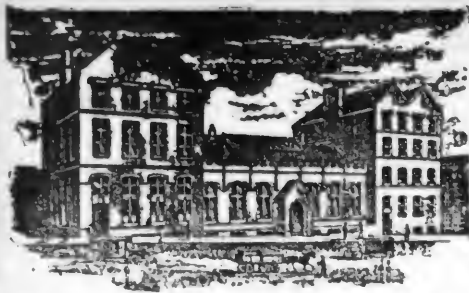
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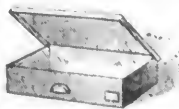




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