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GREAT BRITAIN

After March 1st of this year, practically all manufactured goods from other countries will be barred

from the United Kingdom, except those imported under special licenses, which at present are difficult to obtain. This regulation amounts to almost total prohibition of imports of manufactured goods, except those purchased directly by the Government of the United Kingdom. The object of this prohibition as announced by the British Government is:

To have British goods manufactured in British factories, and thus give employment to the rapidly demobilizing British Army and the war workers.

FRANCE The tradesmen of France, generally speaking, are not permitted to buy manufactured goods from other countries except under special licenses. France is determined to keep her own factories busy and thus furnish employment for French soldiers and war workers.

The industrial systems of Britain and France are disorganized by the transition from war to peace. Consequently, they are being given the greatest measure of protection ever known in . history. They are erecting encircling walls to shut out goods manufactured by other countries.

CANADA During the war, Canada scrapped many peace industries for war industries. The reverse is now being carried out. Canada must provide positions for over 200,000 soldiers who are not yet demobilized.

When the armistice was signed, there were about 700,000 people employed in Canadian manufacturing establishments. This number included a considerable percentage of the 300,000 soldiers who were discharged during the course of the war, and also the makers of munitions and war material. Canada must use her utmost efforts to retain these in employment or to find them new employment.

Canadian industry during readjustment is not safeguarded by an almost impassable wall similar to those now being erected by Britain and France. Exclusive of the special war tariff, levied generally on imports, both dutiable and free, by the Government for the purpose of raising war revenue, the Canadian Customs tariff in the fiscal year 1918 imposed an average rate of only twenty-one and two-fifths (21.2-5) per cent. on dutiable goods coming into Canada.

Yet, at this critical time, insistent demands are heard from certain sections of Canada that sweeping tariff reductions must be made immediately without any preliminary study of the probable result on commercial and financial conditions. If these demands are met other countries will be encouraged to dump their surplus manufactured goods into Canada and increase unemployment here.

Shall we tear down even what safeguards we possess, at the very time that older and stronger countries are so greatly increasing theirs?

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