

Any Canadian who knowingly buys German or Austrian goods exported from the country of origin since war broke out is not only committing a serious offence against the law, but is also supplying aid and sustenance to the enemy. Victory for the Allies will come through the crippling of German and Austrian trade as well as by success on the field of battle. That some Canadians are still buying German and Austrian goods unwittingly is almost certain. The Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has received from two prominent shipping and forwarding firms in London letters calling attention to the fact that German shipping and forwarding houses are prosecuting a very energetic campaign in Canada and other British Dominions with a view to securing business between Great Britain and the overseas Dominions. The representations made show that German houses who have their head offices in Berlin and branch offices at different ports in Great Britain are, through their agents in Canada, circularizing business houses in Canada, offering to attend to the shipments which they make from Great Britain at a charge for shipping and looking after the consignments very much below what is a reasonable and fair figure for such services. These German houses are offering to make contracts for a year or more with Canadian houses on these low rates.

This seems to be a shrewd way of keeping in touch with Canadian business men, the object no doubt being to maintain open channels whereby German goods may still find their way to Canada. J. R. K. Bristol in Industrial Canada on this point of illegal importation says: "In regard to the question as to whether German products may be imported from the United States or not, the Customs Department have ruled that if such goods were actually exported from Germany previous to the 5th of August they may be entered as customs in Canada; but if exported from Germany after that date they are prohibited from entry at customs in Canada. This same principle applies in respect to Austrian goods, except that the prohibition is against shipments from Austria after the 12th of August. As to the purchase of German or Austrian goods in stock in the United Kingdom, the Commissioner of Customs has ordered that foreign merchandise originating in Germany and Austria in stock in the United Kingdom should be accompanied by a declaration of ownership bearing date of importation previous to the declaration of war, otherwise such merchandise will not be permitted into the Dominion of Canada."

No good Canadian will do business with the enemy and so enable that enemy to continue the purchase of weapons and ammunition with which to shoot down British and Canadian soldiers.