

TRADING WITH ENEMY CHARGED AGAINST CANNUCK

Representative of Montreal Branch of Philadelphia House Arrested

LIVERPOOL, March 26. — George Arthur Gatehouse, for some time manager of the Montreal branch of the Sloan Company of Philadelphia, cotton merchants, was charged here to-day with trading with the enemy. The prisoner came to England after the outbreak of the war apparently to transmit cables for his firm from the continent. While doing this, the crown alleged, he made elaborate preparations to sell a species of cotton used in the manufacture of explosives by German firms. He also visited Rotterdam, getting into touch there with Germany. The prisoner, a Canadian by birth, was arrested in a prominent Liverpool hotel when about to take passage across the Atlantic. The prosecuting solicitor admitted that if the prisoner's firm chose to sell the goods in America they were within their rights, but when they send a representative here he was subject to the law of this country. The fact that the prisoner was a British subject made it all the worse.

The prisoner's advocate admitted that Gatehouse was a bird of passage, but he always passed between the same branches of the tree. He came here on his principal's written instructions and still believed that he was authorized to do all that he had done, he said.

Gatehouse was remanded until next Wednesday, bail being fixed at £500.