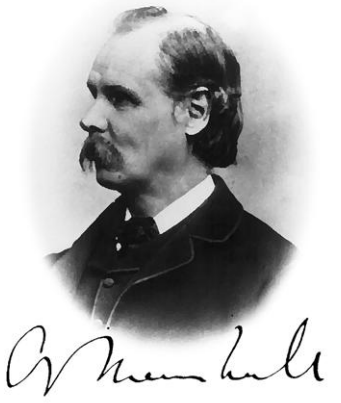


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Andrew Cairns Papers

Identity code**Cairns 1****Description level**

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Content**Summary**

The Cairns papers consist of three confidential reports on economic conditions in regions of European and Asiatic Russia in the summer of 1932, written by Andrew Cairns following his fact-finding tour on behalf of the Empire Marketing Board. The Board was set up in 1926 to promote marketing of Empire products in Britain, and generally to foster intra-imperial trade. It was dissolved in 1933 due to lack of interest overseas. Its functions were partly replaced by the Colonial Empire Marketing Board in 1937.

Summary

A copy of a letter to the Premier of Alberta, Canada, was between the pages of the last report. This summarises Cairns's conclusions on the state of the Russian rural economy after his 1932 tour.

Summary

There is no written record of how these items came to be in the Marshall Library. It seems probable that they were deposited some time in the 1930's.

Identity code	Cairns 1/1
Description level	4
Record creation	
Person	
Role	writer
Name	Cairns, Andrew
Descriptor	researcher for Empire Marketing Board
Date	7.6.1932
Place	Moscow
Document form	
Record type	report
Specific type	report on economic conditions
Title	Description of a Tour in Western Siberia
Acquisition	
Summary	Unknown. Found in cupboard in reception area of the library 1997
Content	
Summary	Detailed report on an economic fact-finding tour on behalf of the Empire Marketing Board, written in the form of a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary in London, Edward Mayow Hastings Lloyd.
Free field	marked confidential, not for publication. Copy number 24, code at bottom of pages 11751-1
Person	
Name	Lloyd, Edward Mayow Hastings
Place	
Country name	Russia, Western Siberia
Subject keywords	
Physical descript	
Summary	68 numbered pp foolscap, typescript, sewn into grey paper cover with black fabric-backed tape spine
Condition	cover dirty and creased, corners of pages creased
Archival processing	
Type	catalogue
Person	
Name	Saunders, Alex
Date	16.7.1998
Location	
Permanent location	reception area cupboard

Identity code	Cairns 1/2
Description level	4
Record creation	
Person	
Role	writer
Name	Cairns, Andrew
Descriptor	researcher for Empire Marketing Board
Date	3.8.1932
Place	Moscow
Document form	
Record type	report
Specific type	report on economic conditions
Title	Description of a Tour in Ukraine, Crimea and N.Caucasus
Acquisition	
Summary	Unknown. Found in cupboard in reception area of the library 1997
Content	
Summary	Detailed report on an economic fact-finding tour on behalf of the Empire Marketing Board, written in the form of a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary in London, Edward Mayow Hastings Lloyd.
Free field	marked confidential, not for publication. Copy number 104
Person	
Name	Lloyd, Edward Mayow Hastings
Place	
Country name	Russia, Ukraine & Russia, Crimea & Russia, N. Caucasus
Subject keywords	
Physical descript	
Summary	77 numbered pp foolscap, typescript, sewn into grey paper cover with black fabric-backed sticky tape spine
Condition	cover dirty and creased, otherwise sound
Location	
Permanent location	reception area cupboard

Identity code	Cairns 1/3/1
Description level	4
Record creation	
Person	
Role	writer
Name	Cairns, Andrew
Descriptor	researcher for Empire Marketing Board
Date	22.8.1932
Place	Moscow
Document form	
Record type	report
Specific type	report on economic conditions
Title	Description of a Tour in the Volga Region
Acquisition	
Summary	Unknown. Found in cupboard in reception area of the library 1997
Content	
Summary	Detailed report on an economic fact-finding tour on behalf of the Empire Marketing Board, written in the form of a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary in London, Edward Mayow Hastings Lloyd.
Free field	marked confidential, not for publication. Copy number 104. Code at bottom of page D 5361-1 - 150 H B
Person	
Name	Lloyd, Edward Mayow Hastings
Place	
Country name	Russia, Volga region
Subject keywords	
Physical descript	
Summary	24 numbered pp foolscap, typescript, sewn into grey paper cover with black fabric-backed sticky tape spine
Condition	cover dirty, otherwise sound
Location	
Permanent location	reception area cupboard

Identity code	Cairns 1/3/2
Description level	4
Record creation	
Person	
Role	writer
Name	Cairns, Andrew
Descriptor	researcher for Empire Marketing Board
Person	
Role	recipient
Name	Brownlee, John Edward
Descriptor	Premier of Alberta, 1924-34
Date	8.12.1932
Place	London S.W.1, 2 Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Empire Marketing Board
Document form	
Record type	correspondence
Specific type	copy letter
Acquisition	
Summary	Found within pages of Cairns 1/3/1
Content	
Summary	Thanks him for his letter of 14 Nov. Has not time to write a comprehensive summary of his conclusions formed as result of 4 1/2 months' travelling in Russia. Would prefer people to draw their own conclusions from the evidence in his reports. Will be in a better position to write next Autumn, after his third visit to Russia.
Summary	Wishes to encourage trade between Russia and other countries, particularly producers of surplus foodstuffs. Thinks in general Russian standard of living is declining. Perhaps as much as 60% of all livestock has been lost in last three years. Official Russian statistics of agricultural acreage and production are grossly inflated. There is great shortage of food, perhaps second only to famine of 1920-1. Cannot but conclude that peasants had more food in pre-Revolutionary period.
Summary	In his travels had not met any peasants who were happy with their lot. Rumoured that Ukraine Communist Party had even protested to Moscow that drastic changes to policy were needed. Thinks concessions to foreigners will be essential to solve food shortage. Russian government very much less popular with people than was several years ago. No effective organised opposition to it exists, as it would be put down by the army. Predicts change to less extreme form of Communism in next decade.
Summary	There will be widespread starvation this winter. Suggests that if World Wheat Conference is held that chief exporting counties offer substantial amount of grain to Russia. Discusses difficulty outside world has in learning truth about economic conditions in Russia.
Free field	marked strictly confidential
Place	
Country name	Russia
Subject keywords	
Physical descript	
Summary	8 pp foolscap, typescript
Condition	outer pages dirty, creased on corners
Location	
Permanent location	reception area cupboard