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BATTLE FOR WORLD MARKETS

“At The Forefront Of Export”

Gill & Co. was formed more than 100 years ago by H. Gill, a British national, in partnership with other British nationals and Khengar Thobhan and Meghji Thobhan.

Gill & Co. acted as brokers and agents in the purchase and sale of cotton in the domestic market and also played a leading role in the import and export of cotton from overseas. Gill was responsible for introducing U.S., Sudanese, East African and Aden growths in the Indian market.

From 1970 on, the import of cotton was canalized with the formation of the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. In 1975-76 when the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. imported about one million bales, Gill was successful in negotiating substantial business on behalf of its principals.

Gill has been in the forefront of the export of cotton when the private trade was allowed to export this commodity. Long and extra-long staple cotton was allowed for export from India in the season 1974-75 for the first time and Gill & Co. introduced these styles to overseas markets through their principals.

In 1947 the partnership was incorporated into a private limited company, and at this time its board is composed of one Indian and four British directors. For the last several years the company has been managed by the members of the



As Gill & Co. celebrates its 100th anniversary, the board members look back over the company's history and present this photograph of the Board of Directors, dated 1958. Seated, from left, are Manilal Virchand, Khushal Khenghar, C.S. Barrett (chairman), G.L. Mytten and Shantilal Virchand. Standing, from left, are Kantilal Virchand, A.G. Reynolds, Bhogilal Virchand, Dhirajlal Virchand, P. P. Darlow and Shobhagmal Virchand.

Meghji Thobhan family. The company's activities in the cotton trade continue as before, supplemented by its interest in the export and import of agricultural commodities. ☺