

**RATIONING IN BRITAIN NOW.**

Every Carload of Food that Canada can get to Seaboard is Badly Wanted.

The latest cable received by the Canada Food Board from the British Ministry of Food relative to the situation overseas states that compulsory rationing of meat, butter and fats came into force on February 25 throughout London and the home counties. It adds: "Fourteen million people are now restricted to about 1½ lbs. of meat, 4 oz. of butter or margarine and ½ lb. of sugar per week. By March 25 compulsory rationing of these food stuffs will be universal in the United Kingdom. The congestion on the railways in the United States continues to aggravate the already serious situation. Every carload of wheat or flour and bacon or frozen meat that Canada can get to the sea-board is badly wanted.

"The Italian Government Commission states that the food situation there is unchanged but all the Allied countries are naturally affected by the decreased imports reaching them from American ports."

**"IF WE DO NOT HELP FRANCE—"**

Mr. Arnold Bennett, the famous English novelist, writes: "We shall not in future get as much as we want or as much as we need. There is and there will be a serious shortage. . . . Submarines are not the original cause of the shortage. . . . The shortage is a world shortage. . . . French food supply is down by 40 per cent. If we do not help France, France collapses, and we might just as well put the shutters up at the War Office and implore Hindenburg to behave chivalrously to his fallen foes."

**RESPONSIBILITY ON CANADA.**

Need is Emphasized in Speeches in Manitoba Legislature.

Mr. T. H. Johnson, Minister of Public Works in the Manitoba Cabinet, in a recent address in the Provincial Legislature after his return from Ottawa, said that Canada is faced with a large share of the responsibility of keeping the troops of the Allies in the field in the fight for liberty of the world, and unless this country rises to the responsibility her Allies will be in danger of starvation.

Premier Norris appealed to the members and the people in the galleries to spread the call for increased production of foodstuffs, as this was the method by which the greatest aid could be given to the troops of the Allies.

**MILCH COWS SLAUGHTERED.**

Canada Asked to Help Out British Meat Shortage.

In a recent address to the farmers of Great Britain Mr. R. E. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, disclosed the most serious aspect of the meat shortage in the United Kingdom.

One of the chief causes of anxiety is the shortage of milch cows. Before the war industrial families in the cities of Great Britain consumed from 1 lb. 9 oz. to 2 lbs. 6 oz. of meat per week for each adult. The slaughter of cattle, due to lack of fodder and shortage of meat imports, has caused a serious situation. A compulsory meat ration has been prescribed at an amount which is so low as to entail serious dangers. It is urgent that the people of the United States and Canada should economize to the utmost in their use of meat, so that larger shipments may be sent overseas. Only in this way can the present low meat ration be maintained and the slaughter of milch cows be checked.

Lack of milk supplies is one of the greatest dangers of the present food situation in Great Britain.

**EUROPE GRATEFUL FOR FOOD.**

Meat Ration is Dangerously Low, Mr. Hoover Points Out.

As Mr. Hoover has said, if the people of the United States and Canada who, by practising economy in the use of meat, have assisted in the accumulation of exportable stocks, could receive the expressions of gratitude with which these shipments are now being received in Europe among the Allies, they would feel amply rewarded for the sacrifices.

That exports from North America are absolutely vital, Mr. Hoover states, needs no proof further than the statement of the ration at present in force in Europe among the Allies, which has been reduced approximately to one pound of meats of all kinds a week, or less than 30 per cent of the present consumption on this continent, and it is to-day "at so low a figure as to tend to diminish the morale and the resistance of the Allies."

**RICH AND POOR BOTH RESTRICTED.**

Lady Muir Mackenzie, speaking of the food situation in Great Britain, said in a recent interview: "The truth is that money is no good at all nowadays so far as food is concerned."