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THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION

The Canadian Government have had under the most anxious consideration the food situation in Europe, In India, and in the Far East. There is no need to remind the people of Canada of our willingness to contribute as much as we can to meet the needs of the people in other lands. From August 1942, Canada contributed nearly 20,000 tons of wheat each month to Greece. It has been said that we kept alive half the population of that country. Throughout the war, thanks to the hard work of our farm population, we sent a steady flow of wheat, bacon, beef, milk, cheese and eggs, as well as other foodstuffs to the United Kingdom and our other allies. Canada supplied 72% of the bacon ration of the United Kingdom. When famine broke out in India we offered 100,000 tons of relief wheat to that country. Even after the end of the war, the Canadian people accepted the re-introduction of meat rationing in order to send more meat abroad. In proportion to population, Canada contributed to the supply of others more food than any other nation.

In the three crop years which will end on July 31, 1946, Canada will have made a record shipment of a billion bushels of wheat - about a million bushels each working day. Canadian farmers have produced enough for themselves and to meet the normal bread requirements of another 80 million people.