

INSPECTING RESTAURANTS.

To Ensure Compliance with Food Controller's Regulations.

Following his inspection of public eating-places in Toronto in connection with The Food Controller's regulations, Mr. F. W. Mossop has been doing similar work in Montreal. As a result of his visits, a number of proprietors of restaurants have applied for cards to post in their kitchens and dining-rooms calling attention to the regulations. Reports also indicate a much more careful observance of the law with respect to the use of beef and bacon, provision of substitutes for white bread and display of printed notices urging patrons to remember the needs of the armies and civilian populations of the Allied countries.

GRADING OF POTATOES.

Question Taken up by Fruit and Vegetable Committee.

The Fruit and Vegetable Committee of the Food Controller's Office has been considering the advantages which would result from grading potatoes on a standard basis for all Canada. It is, of course, impossible to apply compulsory grading to the potato crop of the past season, but consideration is being given to the question of establishing grades for next year's production.

Potato-growing associations in the United States have graded potatoes and marked their best grades for years. For this reason they have already found a ready and profitable market. The buyers have known what they were buying, as each association sought to protect its brand and maintain its grade. So successful has the plan been that the Federal authorities in the United States have taken up the question.

One of the advantages in connection with a standard grade of potatoes is the facility in financing. If a grower or shipper can produce a certificate of grade, the banker knows exactly what is the security offered, otherwise a car of potatoes may consist of a product of the best grade or of unsaleable pig feed.

Much attention has been given to the question by individuals and public bodies throughout Canada, and the establishment of standard grades, as well as standardization of weight of a bag of potatoes are being urged. It is being pointed out that a grading system has done much for wheat, cheese and butter producers.

NEED IS VERY REAL.

English Farmers Adopting Motor Machinery to Speed Production.

An English merchant who has just arrived in New York has given a succinct statement of the need for more food in the allied European nations this year. He says: "In England men not released have been told off to help the farmers, and in France the situation is so serious that soldiers had to be released to work on the land. Both France and Italy, which formerly produced nearly all their own food, will now have to buy it." He said the needs of the war had aroused the English farmers to discard all their old conservative methods of tilling the ground and adopt motor power and the latest types of agricultural machinery.

SCARCE EVEN AFTER WAR.

World Will be Short of Food till 1920, says Official British Letter.

Following is an extract from a letter to county agricultural committees of the Food Production Department, London. The Department stated: "If we are to secure food for the people of this country greater and more prolonged efforts are required. We are threatened with a shortage of food throughout the world, and not in 1918 only, but in 1919 and 1920. The danger of shortage extends beyond the period of war. In some respects it may be greatest after peace is proclaimed."

BAKERS WILLING TO HELP.

Co-operation is Pledged in Campaign to Save Wheat for Soldiers.

In the next issue of The Food Bulletin will be published a full report of Prof. Harcourt's mission to the bakers of Western Canada. He telegraphed that the bakers of Winnipeg had pledged their co-operation in the effort to save wheat for the Allies by increasing the use of other cereals for domestic consumption. From Winnipeg, Prof. Harcourt went to Calgary and then on to Vancouver. Meetings were arranged at several cities upon his return. Mr. Edward Parnell, of Winnipeg, telegraphed to the Food Controller as follows: "My services are at your disposal in any way you choose to use them. I fully appreciate the serious situation confronting us as a nation and you have my sympathetic co-operation."