

year to year, has been maintained at an exceedingly high average level. Our exports of cheese have grown from over 93 million pounds in 1940 to the 1945 and 1946 levels of 125 million pounds. The production of eggs also increased from some 285 million dozen in 1942 to over 378 million dozen in 1945, while exports to the United Kingdom over the same period increased by more than 100% from 37 million dozen to almost 90 million dozen.

Exports of Canadian fish products also contributed largely to meeting war time demands for food exports. Large quantities of certain types of fish were almost entirely reserved for export. In 1945, for example, almost 600,000 hundredweight of salmon was exported. Exports of ground fish fillets increased from 161,000 cwt in 1941 to 500,000 in 1945. In 1945 we also exported about 570,000 cwt of canned herring.

In terms of pre-war production and export, this effort is even more impressive.

In proportion to our population Canada has contributed, to meet the needs of the world over the past few years, more food than any other nation. Moreover, in doing this the Government has fixed prices for these foodstuffs not at the very high levels which we might have demanded in view of scarcity conditions, but at a fair level, having regard to domestic price levels and long term trends.