

REPORT WILFUL WASTE: IDLE RUMOR DANGEROUS.

All persons who know of cases of wilful waste of food should, as a patriotic duty, report the same to the nearest police authorities or to the Canada Food Board. It is, however, unpatriotic to assist in spreading stories of waste of food, for which often there is no basis of fact. In a number of cases, rumours of this kind have apparently been originated by enemy agents. This propaganda is of insidious and dangerous character for the reason that loyal citizens often have assisted, unintentionally, in circulating untrue hearsay reports.

The Canada Food Board investigates fully all cases of alleged wilful waste of foodstuffs which come to its attention.

"The life of a loafer is a hazard," Sir Hugh Macdonald, Winnipeg's Police Magistrate, said to Alex. SZHRUBIT, charged under the Loafer Law. SZHRUBIT was given several days to make good his promise to obtain useful work.

A Chinese restaurant keeper at St. Thomas, Ont., was fined \$100 for serving roast beef on a meatless day. The prosecution was instituted by Mr. F. W. Mossop, representing the Canada Food Board, and the fact that the restaurant man advertised the product as "roast beef breast" did not save him from the penalty. The magistrate told him that if he knew enough to run a restaurant he should know enough to obey the law.

Mr. J. P. Cohen, J.P., presiding in the Toronto police court ruled that each bag of flour must be up to the specified weight and that it was not sufficient that an average should be up to correct weight. Accordingly, T. B. Loblaw, owner of the Loblaw stores, and Charles Elmes, 703 Dundas St., Toronto were each fined \$25 for selling flour under weight.

The Union Confectionery, 238a 8th Avenue East, Calgary, was ordered to discontinue the manufacture of candy forthwith, and not to purchase any sugar to manufacture candy until permission be granted by the Canada Food Board. The concern was required to return the sugar which it had on hand, to the dealer from whom it was purchased, and to cancel all orders for sugar. The Union Confectionery was using sugar in the manufacture of candy, despite the fact that it had not been in business last year, and consequently was not entitled to an allotment of sugar.

A PATRIOTIC CONSTABLE.

A Dominion constable on patrol duty in Montreal has shown a practical interest in the food situation. He wrote to the Canada Food Board stating that, in connection with his work, he has had opportunities to place in excellent positions posters issued by the Food Board. A small supply was sent him and he has made good his promise.

ENFORCEMENT OF FOOD LAWS.

Representative of Food Board has Visited Five Thousand Establishments.

Mr. F. W. Mossop, Inspector for the Canada Food Board has completed a programme of visits and educational work among public eating places of Central Canada in connection with the enforcement of the Canada Food Board's regulations. Mr. Mossop visited approximately 5,000 public eating places. It was not his primary purpose to secure convictions, but a number of convictions and fines were recorded as a result of his work. Mr. Mossop, in a report to the Food Board, states that the regulations are being fairly well observed, but in the local towns enforcement is not as strict as it should be. In Toronto the regulations are being enforced exceedingly well by the police.

Mr. Mossop will spend some time in Western Canada, doing similar work to that which he has been doing in the East.

TO OBSERVE FOOD RULES.

The General Committee of the Victoria, (B.C.) City and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, by resolution recorded its desire to have all possible steps taken by its Red Cross workers to carry out the spirit of the regulations of the Food Board.

The Committee expressed disapproval of teas and sales of home-cooking, even as a means of raising money for Red Cross, unless the products offered are substitutes for the foods which it is necessary to conserve.

The Executive of the Society has issued a letter asking all friends to reduce consumption of those products needed Oversea and to discontinue the serving of unnecessary refreshments.

MISSION CIRCLE WILL HELP.

The following resolution has been passed by the members of the Mission Circle of the Baptist Church at Chilliwack, B.C.:

"Be it resolved that we the members of the Mission Circle of the Baptist Church, Chilliwack, hereby go on record that we endorse the action of the Food Controller in the conservation of all foods for such time as shall be deemed necessary, that we will aid and assist in the said conservation by our own personal endeavours, and that we will use our influence in getting others to enforce all regulations issued by the office of the said Food Controller."