

the most effective use of their farms so as to produce the largest possible quantity of crops during the next four years.

The government will acquire all the wheat available during the years 1946 and 1947 on the basis of \$1.55 a bushel, and for 1948 and 1949, the price shall be reconsidered but it will not be less than \$1.25. The British Government has agreed to take all wheat we can make available at these prices. We tell the farmers of Canada this so that they can know what they can expect for 1946 and 1947 and the minimum that they can expect in 1948 and 1949.

Summarizing the proposals to meet the present situation,

- (1) Canadians are urged to eliminate waste and reduce consumption of food, particularly wheat, bread and cereal products.
- (2) Existing inventories of flour should be voluntarily reduced to the essential minimum.
- (3) The amount of wheat that will be released to the mills for domestic consumption in Canada will be 90% of what it was in 1945.
- (4) The export of wheat and flour will be permitted/only in the quantities ordinarily and reasonably required by other countries having regard to their other sources of supply.