

## INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

### Programme of Mr. Hanna and Mr. Thomson in Washington.

Mr. Hanna and Mr. Thomson, Personal Representative of the Food Controller, left Ottawa on Wednesday for Washington, where they will discuss various international problems with Mr. Hoover and other officials of the United States Food Administration. Amongst the questions to be taken up are the following:—

The supply of tin plate for use in the dairy industries, and the restriction of its use in other lines.

The exportation of whole milk from Canada to the United States.

The supply of binder-twine for next year's harvest.

Mr. Thomson will also examine the operation of the United States system of licensing manufacturers of, and wholesale dealers in foodstuffs, and will take up matters pertaining to supplying the Canadian demand for sugar and corn.

## FOR MORE FOOD ANIMALS.

### Meeting in Ottawa Endorses Greater Production Plan.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, and all the officials of the Department are co-operating with the Food Controller in an effort to encourage increased production of food animals. A meeting was held in Ottawa last Friday to prepare plans for such a campaign. Representatives were present from all the Provinces of Eastern Canada and Mr. J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, Man., who is a member of the Live Stock Committee of the Food Controller's Office, unofficially represented the West. Mr. H. S. Arkell, Acting Live Stock Commissioner, presided.

It was explained to the meeting that there was special need at the present time to emphasize the importance of increasing Canada's production of hogs.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Controller, addressed the meeting. He said that the work in which they were asked to join was of the very greatest importance both as regards the supply of food for the soldiers and in the interests of the provinces of the Dominion. No more important work could be undertaken outside of the trenches. The Food Controller explained the food situation at the present time and said that it called for the utmost effort at once if disaster were to be averted.

Following the Food Controller's address, the question was discussed by the meeting. A resolution was proposed endorsing the proposed campaign for increased production. Committees were appointed, one to take up the question of co-operation of Dominion and Provincial authorities, another to endeavour to arrange for a steady supply of bran, shorts and mill feed, and a third to work out a plan for better distribution of breeding stock.

## CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT.

### Mr. Hanna Addresses Packing House and Cold Storage Men.

Effective Government control of the packing houses and cold storage plants of Canada was the programme outlined this week by the Food Controller to a representative gathering of packers and produce men. Following Mr. Hanna's address a committee representing the packing house industry was appointed to co-operate with the Food Controller.

The produce men also indicated their willingness similarly to co-operate.

In his address, Mr. Hanna explained that his office was working in co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial Governments in a general production campaign which would include the production of hogs on as big a scale as could be developed. He continued:

"The hog producer will want to know at the very outset that there is assured to him as grower his fair share of the price paid by the consumer. Between him and the consumer is the packer and the distributor. Both he and the consumer have the right to know that the charge for packing and distributing is in proper relation to the cost of these services. It is because we have this question under consideration now, particularly as affecting the packers and cold storage men, that you are here to-day."

"In the case of flour mills we have worked out what is practically Government control in the form of license. We are adopting the same plan in connection with wholesale fruit and vegetable men. Just what form it will take in the case of packing houses and cold storage plants has not been decided but it must mean practical and effective Government control. In working this out we want your assistance and co-operation. I am sure you will give us the benefit of both. Unless our solution should be practical and just to the business itself while at the same time recognizing to the full the rights of the public in times like these it will fail."