

FOOD SITUATION IN SCOTLAND.

Extract from Recent Letter says "Things are Getting Serious."

Following is an extract from a letter from a small town (20,000 inhabitants) in the south of Scotland:

"I am glad your have such a good supply of food in Canada: Long may it last! On Friday there was nothing to sell in the shops here, so in consequence most of them closed. On Saturday, Sarah went down to see what was to be had but found there was no bacon, no ham, or meat of any kind, no margarine, no tea, and no cheese to be had in the whole town. She was fortunate to obtain 1 pound of onions, 1 pound of apples, and a small piece of pressed beef from a little store in a side street.

"All the same, we are doing wonderfully, for we have potatoes, parsnips, Swede turnips, good leeks, and plenty of dried parsley from our garden, and Sarah is a perfect adept at making soups of all kinds without meat at all. We are only allowed 2 ounces of tea per week, then we have sugar cards and are allowed to obtain half a pound per person. You can well understand that things are getting serious here."

Hugo Vili Hetanen was found in bed at 11.30 a.m. by the Fort William police. He appeared in the Police Court, charged under the Anti-loafing law, was fined \$50 and costs, and warned to get to work at once. The Fort William police have commenced a "round-up" of loafers.

Magistrate Elliott, of Sault Ste. Marie, fined John Wronga, a foreigner, \$100 for having in his possession 10½ bags of flour, contrary to the regulations of the Canada Food Board.

The Public School children of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, are planting 12 acres of potatoes this year and the Collegiate pupils have already planted four acres, the proceeds of which go to the Junior Red Cross. Prizes are being offered through the Yorkton Greater Production and Conservation Association to encourage gardening and greater production among the boys and girls.

SALE OF TEN-CENT FISH.

Many Varieties are being Offered in Ottawa at this Price.

Fresh fish at ten cents a pound is a comparatively new and welcome addition to food purchasers in many households throughout Canada. During recent weeks, Ottawa has had what is perhaps the most extensive sale of ten-cent fish that has ever taken place in the Capital city. Local dealers have been advertising fresh-caught fish at ten cents per pound, and also the following varieties: Perch, rock bass, sun-fish, gaspereaux or ale-wives, Atlantic haddock, cod and Boston blue fish, frozen lake herring, sea herring, smelts and salted sardines.

With the exception of salmon and halibut, fish prices in Ottawa are ten per cent lower than at this time last year, this reduction being the result of continued efforts by the Canada Food Board.

SELLING POTATOES AT COST.

Co-operating in the campaign for increased consumption of vegetables, in order to save wheat and other essential foodstuffs for overseas, a Halifax dealer has been bringing potatoes in car-load lots from Prince Edward Island and delivering them at his customers' homes at actual cost.

DRIVE AGAINST THE GOPHERS.

As the result of a recent "drive" of Manitoba boys and girls against the gopher pest, it is estimated that more than 100,000 gophers have been destroyed.

The proprietor of the Star Cafe, Guelph, was fined \$100 and costs for illegally serving pork on a Friday.

Officials of the Vancouver War Garden League estimate that the amount of garden truck raised in that city will be at least double the greatest quantity raised in any preceding year.

Five hundred pastors of South Dakota churches have expressed a willingness to help in food production this year, by working on farms.

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