

HON. MR. HANNA RESIGNS.

Prime Minister Expresses Appreciation of Work—Mr. Thomson Succeeds.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, K.C., who has been Food Controller for Canada since the Office was created by Order in Council last June, has tendered his resignation to the Prime Minister and the latter has accepted it. Mr. H. B. Thomson, of Victoria, B.C., who has been assisting the Food Controller since October, has been appointed as Mr. Hanna's successor.

In his letter to the Prime Minister Mr. Hanna said:

"Since its establishment the scope of the work of Food Control has so broadened and duties have so multiplied as to call for absolutely undivided and uninterrupted service to the exclusion of all other duties and obligations. I am so situated that this would be for me very difficult if not impossible. Fortunately a successor in office, possessing in eminent degree the necessary qualifications for and so situated as to be able to devote all his time to the undertaking is immediately available."

Sir Robert Borden in accepting the resignation expressed appreciation of Mr. Hanna's work as Food Controller and regret that he felt called upon to relinquish his duties.

A statement issued in connection with the letter of resignation and the Prime Minister's reply points out that the work already accomplished by the Food Controller has been of tremendous importance. Attention is called to the fact that his Regulations relating to public eating places have had the effect of reducing the consumption of beef in Canada by 50 per cent, bacon by 57 per cent, and other essential supplies in proportion. Voluntary conservation in private homes had also effected a very large saving of food for export.

In reference to the new Food Controller, the statement says:

"Mr. H. B. Thomson, the new Food Controller, is recognized as one of the ablest business men in British Columbia. For many years he has been general manager of Turner Beeton Company, of Victoria, the firm of Hon. J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia in London, England. Under his management the Turner-Beeton Company has grown to a large and prosperous concern. Mr. Thomson has a number of other important business connec-

tions in British Columbia and he has been prominent in the public life of the province. For ten years he represented the city of Victoria in the local legislature. He took a leading part in promoting the British Columbia shipbuilding bill and as a member of the Shipbuilding Commission directed the enterprise, under which the first wooden ships were built in British Columbia. He has been deputy food controller since September. In this capacity he has been in constant intercourse with Washington and has rendered valuable service in co-ordinating the work of Food Controller Hoover with that of the food controller in Canada."

BREAD RATION IS REDUCED.

Allies must be Fed until the next Harvest is Available.

Following are extracts from an important statement from the United States Food Administration:

"The Allies have reduced the bread ration to their people sharply the last few days and if this lowered ration is to be maintained we must save more than hitherto. Every grain of wheat and every ounce of flour and bread saved now is exactly that amount supplied to some man, woman and child among the Allies. We are asking the American people to further reduce their consumption of wheat products. It is one of the vital issues in winning the war that we must maintain the health and strength and morale of the Allies' men, women and children over the winter."

"The Allies are also asking us if we can double our meat and pork product exports, as they must in England, France and Italy further reduce their meat and fat ration unless we can increase exports."

"If anyone should attempt the purchase of foodstuffs for hoarding it will be robbing the Allies of just that amount."

NO REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED.

At a reception in Quebec on January 9th, under the auspices of the Society for the Relief of Devastated Areas in France, Mrs. Arthur Cannon, President of the Society, set a good example in food conservation by insisting that no refreshments be served.