

## ONLY A FRACTION OF BRITAIN'S NEEDS.

Canada's cold storage stocks of provisions, while large when measured in pounds, represent only a very small fraction of the amounts required Oversea. Following are the quantities of representative commodities held on a recent date by Canadian companies reporting to the Cost of Living Branch of the Dominion Department of Labour, together with the time in each case that these holdings would supply the civilian requirements alone in Great Britain, 'on the basis of the latest consumption records available:

	Stocks in cold storage in Canada in pounds.	How long they would supply British requirements.
Butter.....	1,689,260	21 hours
Cheese.....	2,190,098	2½ days
Beef, fresh and pickled.....	17,203,918	2½ days
Pork, fresh and pickled.....	29,458,903	14½ days
Bacon, hams, and smoked meats.....	13,113,967	5½ days

This takes no account of the very large requirements for the armies or for the people of France and Italy. The stocks enumerated have already been reduced considerably by shipments Oversea. Canadian cold storage holdings may increase or decrease temporarily, depending upon shipping and other conditions, but the Canada Food Board has assurances that practically all the wheat, meat, and dairy products which Canada can supply by increased production, reduced consumption and substitution for them of foods which, by reason of bulk or perishable nature, are not suitable for ocean transportation, will be needed by Britain and our Allies.

**“The efficient feeding of the country (the United Kingdom), of the Allies and of the Allied armies trembled in the balance.”—The London Times in a statement just published in reference to the desperate food situation Oversea early this year, when exports from North America were not moving satisfactorily and German submarines were taking a heavy toll. That tense situation was relieved by voluntary food saving by the people of Canada and the United States.**

The following resolution was passed by the Food Controllers of Great Britain, France and Italy, and the Food Administrator of the United States, in recent conference in London, England: **“Resolved that while the increased production of the United States and Canada renders it possible to relax some of the restrictions, which have borne with peculiar hardship upon all our peoples, yet it is absolutely necessary that rigid economy and elimination of waste in the consumption and handling of all food-stuffs, as well as increased production, should be maintained throughout the European allied countries and in North America. It is only by such economy and elimination of waste that the transportation of the necessary men and supplies, from North America to the European front, can be accomplished, and that stocks of food stuffs can be built up in North America as an insurance against the ever-present danger of harvest failure, and the possible necessity for large and emergency drafts to Europe. We cannot administer the food problem on the basis of one year's war. We must prepare for its long continuance if we are to ensure absolute victory.”**