

STORY IS ENTIRELY UNTRUE.

North Bay Woman Says that She was Wrongly Reported.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Controller, is using all available means in an effort to trace to its source the deliberate lie which has been persistently circulated in all parts of the Dominion to the effect that somebody saw him order a meal costing \$4 or more in a railroad dining car. The falsehood is being used in an effort to discredit the Food Controller Mrs. Souter, of North Bay, who was reported as having definite knowledge of the alleged facts, has admitted that she was wrongly reported.

The Toronto Daily Star, in a report of a meeting in the interests of the Independent Liberal candidate for North Toronto, stated that Mrs. Souter, President of the Liberal Association of North Bay, "scored Food Controller Hanna and his 'economy' policy, stating that a friend of her's had followed him into a dining car to see if he practiced what he preached and found that Hon. Mr. Hanna's supper cost \$4.20." Similar reports were published in other newspapers.

This story, with various modifications to make it appear more circumstantial, has been widely circulated and the Food Controller has denied it, as an absolute falsehood, both through the newspapers and in The Food Bulletin. This was the first time, however, that anybody had claimed definite knowledge of the alleged facts. Accordingly, Mr. Hanna telegraphed to Mrs. Souter denying the statement and asking for the name of Mrs. Souter's informant and details of the time and place where the meal was supposed to have been ordered. The following message was received in reply to Mr. Hanna's telegram:

North Bay, Dec. 12.

Hon. W. J. Hanna,
Ottawa.

Was wrongly reported in 'Star'. Have written correction.

(Signed.) M. SOUTER.

Mr. Hanna also telegraphed to the Chief of Police in North Bay asking him to interview Mrs. Souter and obtain the name of her informant. The reply reads: "Mrs. Souter claims to have been wrongly reported in saying that a friend told her but should have been reported as saying that a friend had said that a lady in the dining car with you said your dinner cost \$4.20.

Mrs. Souter has written you to Ottawa to that effect.

(Signed.) "CHIEF OF POLICE."

Mrs. Souter declined to give the Chief of Police the name of her informant. Mr. Hanna has telegraphed to the Chief of Police of Sudbury, where Mrs. Souter is speaking, asking him to insist upon obtaining the name if Mrs. Souter knows it, or a statement from Mrs. Souter that she does not know the name.

Mr. Hanna stated he did not eat any such meal and that there is no foundation whatever for the story.

SAVING BREAD FOR ALLIES.

Mr. Hoover Tells What Wheat 'Conservation Means.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, in a recent statement pointed out that a record crop of 3,250,000,000 bushels of corn was just beginning to come on the market. By January 15, he said, the crop should be moving freely and at a reasonable price. He predicted that such movement would bring "fundamental economic relief." For three months, he said, there had been a shortage which practically amounted to a corn famine.

Mr. Hoover said that the Administration was trying not so much to regulate prices but the profit that was made.

"The fatal mistake in Europe," Mr. Hoover continued, was that a rush was made to the retailers to fix maximum prices without regard to cost and as a result retailers were put out of business.

Referring to the world shortage of wheat, he said: "The wheat we export from December 1 on will be the direct amount that the people save out of their bread, for we have shipped our surplus. This means literally that every one who saves a slice of bread is giving a slice of bread to our Allies."

Mr. Hoover stated that there were 9,000,000 fewer hogs in the United States than a year ago.

"If those who continue to live in comparative comfort at home are not willing to deprive themselves of quite essential foods, then our bravest men died in vain."
—Lord Rhondda.