

DEVELOPING A MARKET FOR CANADIAN FISH.

Through the activities of the Fish Committee a special fish train now leaves twice a week from Mulgrave, N.S., for Montreal and Toronto.

Lakes Nipissing and Nipigon have been thrown open by the Government of Ontario, co-operating with the Fish Committee of the Food Controller's Office, and the fish are shipped to Ontario points under governmental supervision.

In the western provinces similar plans are under way in co-operation with the Provincial and Federal Governments. On the Pacific Coast plans to co-operate with the United States authorities are being perfected. Endeavours are being made to place the cheaper edible fish, such as red and ling cod, flat fish, etc., on the market in the western provinces.

Sample fish show cases are being tested with the idea of distributing suitable cases to fish retailers at nominal cost.

The serious gasoline shortage in the Maritime Provinces has been overcome by the Committee, thus saving a tie-up of the shore fleet. A similar shortage threatening the halibut fishery at Prince Rupert is to be relieved also.

The Committee is endeavouring to secure from the British Admiralty another steam trawler for use on the Atlantic. It has been ordered that all fish dealers register and submit monthly reports as to prices, quantities handled or in store, etc., to the Food Controller's Office.

HOME CONSUMPTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

The Fruit and Vegetable Committee held its first meeting on August 30. The apple crop was given immediate attention. The Committee found upon inquiry that the larger part of this year's crop was in Nova Scotia, which had a surplus above the requirements of the province itself of 700,000 barrels. This surplus normally would have been exported but the British embargo this year made it necessary to market the crop in Canada. Steps have been taken, however, to assist in transporting and marketing the Nova Scotia surplus in order that the large crop should not be lost. In this work Mr. H. H. Schafer, Traffic Officer of the Fruit and Vegetable Committee, is co-operating with Mr. George McIntosh, of the Dominion Fruit Branch, and Mr. George

Spencer, of the Dominion Railway Committee. The Committee has also adopted a policy of registering and licensing all wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables. Regular reports will be required and it is the intention of the Committee to see that speculation is prevented and to insist that wholesalers' profits be kept within reasonable limits.

Mr. F. M. Black, Chairman of the Committee, has been making inquiries into the profits of wholesale fruit dealers in the western provinces and has also been considering the marketing of the big potato crop.

The Fruit and Vegetable Committee next week will consider the profits of retail fruit dealers.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the use of canned vegetables has been prohibited until October 15th, with a few exceptions, in order to encourage the consumption of fresh products. The Committee estimates the potato surplus in Canada this year at 10,000,000 bushels, and efforts will be made to facilitate this distribution, encourage consumption, regulate the profits of dealers, and provide for storage. Matters in regard to the potato situation will be discussed at a meeting of the Potato Committee in Ottawa on October 9.

EXCHANGE DEPOTS URGED BY LIVE STOCK EXPERTS.

The Live Stock Committee of the Food Controller's Office held a meeting on September 18, when the following resolution was passed:

"In the opinion of this Committee, the conservation of calves, which is so urgently needed to promote increased production, may be greatly encouraged and stimulated by the movement of calves under advantageous conditions from districts in which they are not needed to districts where they may be in demand. It is, therefore, recommended that exchange depots be established which will constitute centres of information as between buyer and seller, respecting the farm demand and supply of calves. It is further recommended that this suggestion be conveyed to the Minister of Agriculture by the Food Controller with request that the organization of the Live Stock Branch of his Department, acting in conjunction with the provincial Departments of Agriculture be utilized to the fullest extent in rendering this arrangement effective."