

MAINLY FODDER

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| Maize | 550,000 | 102,815 |
| Rye | 120,000 | |
| Barley | 350,000 | |
| Oats | 130,000 | |
| Linseed and other cake | 200,000 | |
| | <hr/> 1,350,000 | <hr/> 102,815 |

It is not our intention to give a complete history of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, but we merely wish to give a general outline of the activities of this organization which it was the privilege of Canada to help in its noble work for over two years and a half.

Mr. Hoover and the few Americans who helped him gave their services voluntarily and without remuneration. The generous spirit which prompted them to this and the enthusiasm, intelligence and energy with which they carried out their self-appointed task is one of the secrets of the glorious success their work has been. They not only engineered and supervised the financing of the Commission, the buying to the best advantage of the foodstuffs required, the shipping of these foodstuffs to Rotterdam, but also took in hand the great problem of suitably distributing these huge supplies to specially selected central warehouses or depots in Belgium whence still under their supervision and protection the food was distributed to the needy ones.

Few businesses in the world have reached the tremendous proportions of the business of the Commission, as can be readily understood when it is stated that the budget of the Commission was over \$14,000,000 a month.

FINANCING

The financing of such a business would in itself be a task of tremendous proportions. It was made however comparatively easy owing to the fact that with their intense desire of helping themselves the Belgian People and the Belgian Government left no stone unturned; this is proved by the following facts:

1.—The Commission for Relief in Belgium calculated that in two years they made a profit on the food sold in Belgium of \$22,000,000, being a self-imposed tax borne by those Belgians in a position to pay for the food; the Commission also calculate the well-to-do Belgians in Belgium contributed to the relief of the misery no less than \$50,000,000, in addition to the above \$22,000,000.