

Reports from Victoria state that idlers and loafers have gradually disappeared from the streets of that city, as a result of the Order in Council, requiring that all males between ages of 16 and 60 should engage in some useful occupation. The Victoria police lost no time in making plain their intention to enforce the regulations.

In Vancouver many former loafers have gone to work, but a number were slow in doing so and were arraigned before Magistrate Shaw. They were warned and given a chance to make good their promise to go to work at once.

In Toronto on May 16 two Chinamen, restaurant keepers, viz.: Louie Hop Woo Hong, 517 Queen Street West, and Woo Hall, 422 Queen Street West were fined \$100 and costs with an alternative of thirty days in jail for serving "Hamburg" steak on days forbidden by the food regulations.

Dr. C. J. Hastings, Medical Health Officer of Toronto, has declared his intention to check avoidable waste of foodstuffs. He has stated that dealers may sell perishable products at the best price they can get, but they must sell quickly if there is any danger of the food decaying. "If not," he says, "we have power to seize and sell the goods ourselves."

The Police of Montreal have been working on certain cases which are to serve as tests. Their Inspectors bought meat on meatless days at the Roma Club, 67 Osborne St., and the restaurant of Louis Zeffolis, 203 Craig St. East, Armstrong Cochrane & Co'y., 403 St. Lawrence Boulevard and the eating-house of Louis Joe, 6 Craig St., East.

Henry Meihm, of Stratford, was fined \$100 for having in his possession more flour than is permitted by the Food Board's regulations.

In Calgary, Chief of Police Cuddy and his Inspectors have been rounding up unemployed, including Chinese.

Peter Falak was fined \$50 and \$2 costs in the Ottawa Police court, for being unemployed. Falak said he had been working for a month in the bush and was enjoying several weeks' holidays when arrested. Don't you think it is very wrong of you to be taking three weeks' holiday, in times like these when everyone should be engaged in doing something for the benefit of the community, and his country?" asked Magistrate Askwith.

Judge Cusson of Montreal found that Felix Lewis, a musician, was not engaged in useful work and sentenced him, under the Anti-loafing Act to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or to spend fifteen days in jail.

For wasting onions for the food, B. Wilson and Co., of Victoria, B.C., wholesale fruit and produce dealers, were fined \$100. The onions were taken to the city garbage wharf and dumped on a scow preparatory to the latter being taken out into the straits. The City's Sanitary Inspector found that a large quantity of the onions were fit for food.

For violation of the food regulations, Peter School, 309 Bleury Street, Montreal; and Hector Rancarrell, proprietor of the Roma Commercial Club, 67 Osborne St., Montreal, were fined in the Montreal Police Court.

In both cases bread was served before the first course, contrary to the regulations.

Louis Joe, a Montreal restaurant keeper, who pleaded ignorance of the food regulations, was fined \$50. He sold sandwiches in prohibited hours.

Frederick Potter, in the Toronto Police Court, called himself a barber temporarily prevented from following his trade by an injured hand, but the police evidence satisfied Magistrate Kingsford that it was a case for a fine of \$50 and costs or three months at the Prison Farm for not being engaged in a useful occupation.

Jen Hing, 73 Cordova Street, Vancouver, made a practise of allotting so many pieces of white bread to the customers who patronized his eating house, but he put it all on the counter at once, with the result that the fortunate persons who needed extra bread had only to reach out and take what they required. The practice cost him a fine of \$100 in police court.

Louis Muscovitch was fined some time ago in the Winnipeg police court under the Anti-Loafer Law. He appeared a second time and was fined an additional \$50.

## WORK IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Provincial Committee has been Conducting a Vigorous Campaign.

At a recent meeting of the Nova Scotia Committee of the Canada Food Board, the province was divided, for food conservation and increased production work, into ten districts, each in charge of a chairman. The Nova Scotia committee has recently been conducting a very vigorous educational campaign, putting special emphasis upon the need of conservation of wheat. May 19 was observed as Dedication Sunday, and the necessity for food conservation was impressed at the services of most of the churches. A women's committee has been holding classes in cooking of foods, using substitutes for wheat.

## LABOR FOR ONTARIO FARMS.

Sunday, May 19, was observed as "Home Service" Sunday in Ottawa and appeals for volunteers to work on the farms during the summer months were made from a considerable number of pulpits. The Ottawa branch of the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario is endeavouring to secure between two and three thousand men for farm work in Eastern Ontario. In the smaller towns in the eastern counties, where special branches have been formed and charged with doing all in their power to provide farm labour, a number of merchants have consented to closing their stores for two or three days at a time and send their help to the farms.

The Canadian Government Railways have been urging employees who are in a position to do so, to apply for tracts of land along the right-of-way and to raise vegetables and other food crops, as circumstances will permit.