

The Minister of Fisheries,  
 The Minister of National Health and Welfare,  
 The Secretary of State and  
 The Minister of National War Services;

the committee to meet to consider in detail, with officials concerned, the various questions involved, with a view to reporting back to the Cabinet at the first opportunity.

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*Extrait des Conclusions du Cabinet*  
*Extract from Cabinet Conclusions*

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Ottawa, July 3, 1945

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FOOD POSITION IN CANADA; MEAT RATIONING

16. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, referring to the decision of the Cabinet on Thursday, June 28th, submitted and commented upon recommendations from a sub-Committee of the Cabinet, appointed to report upon policy in respect to meat rationing.

(Report of sub-Committee of Cabinet, June 30, 1945.)†

17. MR. ILSLEY pointed out that while arrangements for rationing could not be ready for two months or more, an early government announcement was desirable, and submitted a draft statement prepared in this connection.

18. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE pointed out that, if meat rationing should be introduced, the amount of the ration could be left undetermined for the present, since there appeared to be a possibility that larger quantities of meat might come on the market during the next two months.

19. THE CABINET, after discussion, agreed, subject to the concurrence of the Prime Minister:

- (a) that slaughter control be established immediately;
- (b) that meat rationing be reintroduced as soon as the necessary arrangements could be completed;
- (c) that two meatless days a week be introduced and an appeal be made to the public immediately to reduce voluntarily their consumption of meat;
- (d) that an embargo be placed upon the export of sheep and lambs; and
- (e) that a suitable announcement be made by the Prime Minister.<sup>235</sup>

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<sup>235</sup>Un communiqué de presse fut émis le 4 juillet.  
 A press release was issued on July 4.