

FISH FOR THE PRAIRIES.

Transportation Subsidy for Cheaper Pacific Food Fish.

As a result of a recommendation of the Fish Committee of the Food Controller's Office and negotiations which are now in progress, it is hoped that varieties of edible Pacific fish, which are now little utilized may be made available to consumers as far east as Winnipeg, at reasonable prices. An Order in Council became effective on Monday last transferring the Dominion Government's subsidy of one-third of the express charges on fresh fish from Pacific coast points to points as far east as the eastern boundary of Manitoba, from halibut and salmon to a subsidy of two-thirds of the transportation charges on other Pacific fish, including fresh, frozen or smoked grey, red and ling cod, grayfish, flounders, and other flat fish, except halibut. The Fish Committee is making arrangements for a meeting of its Pacific Coast Fish Producers' representative with Mr. Joseph Maddock, of Tacoma, representing the United States Pacific fishing interests, and representatives of the Pacific Fishermen's Union, to decide on a scale of prices to be paid to the fishermen and the prices to be paid by the consumer for the grades of fish enumerated above. The food administrations of Canada and the United States will be represented at the meeting.

WHO SHALL GO SHORT?

Lord Northcliffe States the Food Issue Frankly.

Lord Northcliffe, speaking in Toronto on Monday night of this week, said that the question of the food supply of the army was, with the solitary exception of transatlantic shipping, the vital question of the war.

"I believe you have a very good Food Controller" said Lord Northcliffe. "At any rate he shares the same quality as the Food Controllers of Britain and the United States—he is not concerned with what people say about him.

"This question of saving food is not a question of saving money, but it is known to economists that the world's supply of food is not sufficient to feed the world's armies and the civilian population, too.

"Now, which is going to go short?" he asked. "I am one of those who prefer that the boys in the trenches do not go short for us. Either the civilian popula-

tion has got to reduce its consumption as in Britain or our soldiers will suffer."

In an interview with newspapermen before the meeting, Lord Northcliffe said:

"Most unpopular man in the world is a Food Controller in any country. It is perfectly understandable. No man likes to have his food allowance cut. You know yourselves. How would you like your breakfast cut in half and the prices doubled? The question is simply this, you have got to eat less if your armies are going to be fed."

"Is profiteering in Britain stopped?" he was asked.

"Of course it isn't. You can't have it so. There are individual convictions from time to time, but you can't completely control prices or quantities."

TO GET QUICK ACTION.

Trade Experts to be at the Food Controller's Disposal.

The Food Controller has asked a number of the leading Boards of Trade of the Dominion to appoint representatives to a committee which will assist him in dealing with international and other questions demanding special trade knowledge.

"What we want," said Mr. Hanna, "is a man conversant with each question as it arises, who is prepared to go to New York and Washington and meet the men there dealing with that matter. There he will meet men prepared to deal with such subjects in an expert and big way, provided they are put before them in such manner as to make them appreciate the importance from this end."

The idea, he said, was to have this Committee, representative of the Boards of Trade, which could assemble at Ottawa on an emergency call, and could at once say who was the most suitable man to follow up any particular problem, in this way doing almost at once work which ordinarily would take perhaps weeks.

The Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has appointed Messrs. Z. Hebert and W. A. Black as its representatives on the Committee.

REDUCING DANISH SWINE.

Owing to serious difficulties in obtaining fodder, the Danish Food Committee has advised the farmers of Denmark to kill three-quarters of the country's stock of pigs, reducing it from two millions to half a million.