

FRUIT TRADE REGULATED.

Wholesale Dealers in Fruit and Vegetables Must be Licensed.

On and after February 1, 1918, no person or firm dealing, wholesale, in fresh fruits or fresh vegetables, either at producing points or in distributing centres, shall be permitted to operate without a license from the Food Controller. Any attempt at speculation, or the taking of undue profits by any license holder, may result in the immediate suspension or cancellation of such license. Such is the effect of an Order issued by the Food Controller upon the recommendation of the Fruit and Vegetable Committee of his Office.

As a result of a careful study of the distribution of fruit and vegetables in Canada, and after conferences with representatives of the wholesale trade, the dealers have been divided into a number of classes and sub-classes, and their operations have been made subject to the following regulations:

1. No license holder shall charge more than a reasonable profit or commission, or make any contract for future delivery or store in order to acquire speculative profits from a raising market.

2. No license holder shall sell to any other license holder of a like class and division except on a split profit or split commission,

and only one such sale of the goods may be made.

3. No holder of a broker's license shall charge any brokerage or commission on goods shipped to him for sale, if such goods are transferred by him to any wholesale commission merchant to be sold on commission.

4. No holder of a commission packer's or a wholesale commission merchant's license shall sell to himself any goods received by him to be sold on commission.

5. Every license holder shall keep such books, invoices, vouchers and other papers and records as will enable the Food Controller or any person by him thereto authorized to verify any report or statement that such license holder is required to make to the Food Controller.

This regulation of the wholesale trade is expected to result in the more efficient and less costly distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables, to eliminate speculation, and to protect the legitimate dealers against unfair competition by those employing improper methods. A license fee of \$10 or \$20 will be charged, depending upon the class or subclass in which the applicant belongs.

FOOD EXPORT CONTROL.

Another Necessary Step Taken by the Food Controller.

Another step has been taken by the Food Controller for Canada to secure absolute control over all shipments from this country of food stuff, feeding stuff, fats, oils, soap fertilizers, etc. An Order in Council has been passed which now makes it necessary for shippers to obtain licenses for the exportation of these commodities, when consigned to the United Kingdom, British possessions and Protectorates. By a previous Order such exports were prohibited to other countries, except under license from the Food Controller. All exports from Canada or the United States of the commodities enumerated in Customs Memorandum No. 2147-B are now controlled by the Food Controller for Canada and the War Trade Board, Washington.

Licenses will not be granted for re-exportation from Canada of United States beef, pork or oils, or products made from United States beef, pork or oils.

Eggs, potatoes and turnips have been removed from the list of prohibited exports.

FOR WESTERN CANADA.

Mr. J. D. McGregor Will Represent the Food Controller There.

Mr. J. D. McGregor, Western Representative of the Food Controller, left for Winnipeg this week, where he will undertake the creation immediately of an organization to promote production and conservation in Western Canada, to supervise the operation of the Food Controller's regulations west of the Great Lakes and to advise the Food Controller in regard to matters of special interest to the Western Provinces. The co-operation of all the Provincial Governments in the West has been pledged and there is every prospect that the work will meet with a very large measure of success.

THANKS FOOD CONTROLLER.

Mrs. W. V. Davies, Secretary of the Advisory Board of Women's Institutes of British Columbia has written to the Food Controller thanking him on behalf of the Women's Institutes for the Order in Council prohibiting the use of any food substance in the distillation of potable liquors.