

EATING PLACES INSPECTED

Food Controller's Regulations being Observed—Police Co-operate.

The Food Controller has received from Mr. F. W. Mossop an interesting report on his inspection of 560 hotels, restaurants and clubs in Toronto in regard to observance of the regulations restricting the use of beef and bacon and requiring substitutes for white bread. He states: "If I am to base my opinion on the number of places keeping the law in all regards, it is that the regulation is an unquestionable success."

Mr. Mossop found among the small restaurant keepers of non-British extraction a good knowledge of the law. Actual infringements were comparatively few. Whenever necessary warnings were given. The police in Toronto, he reported, were working in accord with the Food Controller in securing observance of the food regulations and four members of the force have been assigned exclusively to the work of checking up the managing of public eating places.

"I am convinced that much good will come of my personal visits," Mr. Mossop adds. "Some restaurant people have not been paying attention to this law but I think in future the percentage of such will be very small." The obligation to provide cards for display in public eating places rests with the proprietor, but the Food Controller's office will gladly send a supply on request. Mr. Mossop will visit other cities, continuing the work which he commenced in Toronto.

Following a suggestion by the Food Controller, restaurant and hotel proprietors in Ottawa were invited to a meeting on November 16 by Chief Constable Alex. Ross and Crown Attorney J. A. Ritchie to discuss the hours in which beef and bacon might be served under the Food Controller's regulations. The Crown Attorney pointed out the imperative need of conserving beef and bacon. After discussion the following hours were agreed upon for Ottawa: Breakfast, 5.30 to 10.30 a.m.; dinner, 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Bacon may be served at breakfast only any day but Tuesday and Friday; beef at dinner only any day but Tuesday and Friday. No beef or bacon may be served at any time on Tuesday and Friday.

Local authorities in other places are advised to hold similar meetings for agreement on hours of serving, otherwise more drastic regulations may have to be framed.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR FISH.

Fish Dealers doing all in their Power to provide facilities.

The General Manager of Leonard Fisheries, Ltd., Montreal, writes: "We find a considerable increase in the demand for all kinds of fish and believe that it is due in no small to the campaign (for increased consumption of fish as a substitute for meat). . . by the Food Controller's Office. The fish dealers are doing all in their power to increase the consumption of fresh, as well salted, smoked and prepared fish."

"THE GODSAKERS OF CANADA."

From Maclean's Magazine.

It was Wells who invented the term "Godsakers" to apply to that numerous and useless class who rail at everything and demand with righteous heat, "For God's sake, why doesn't someone do something about it?" The trouble with the Godsakers is that he never sees that he ought to do something about it himself.

There are Godsakers aplenty in Canada to-day. They demand to know why the Government doesn't do this and why Lloyd George doesn't do that; and they boil over about Russia, they strip the last shred of self-respect from the Food Controller, and they flay everyone in authority. What do they do themselves? They eat three big meals a day. They treat their sleek, comfortable bodies to every luxury. They refuse to save, to conserve, to economize. That is for someone else to do. They stick to their peanut politics and their mean little business jealousies, and squeal when authority pinches the least of their petty privileges. In fact, they do nothing.

Coming right down to cases, this war can be won only by individual effort. The government cannot do it all. The government is made up of about twenty men who are just flesh and blood after all, with all the human limitations and without any degree of clairvoyance or omnipotence—just able, everyday men endeavoring to lead a couple of million other men somewhat less able on the average. Leadership, much better leadership even than we have had so far, will not accomplish much unless the people do their share individually, unless they are prepared to forget rights and remember only duties.

There are more Godsakers than workers in Canada at present. When the balance shifts we shall see results. In the meantime, which are you?