

5. THE CABINET, after discussion, approved the Memorandum, subject to the amendment of Section III—MEAT, paragraph 6²³⁴ to read:

“The Canadian Government undertakes to make an effort to provide an additional quantity estimated at least 25,000,000 lbs. of carcass meat to the United Kingdom and 90,000,000 lbs. of canned meat for liberated areas.”

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Ottawa, June 28, 1945

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FOOD POSITION IN CANADA; MEAT RATIONING

1. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE referred to the memorandum which had been submitted to the Cabinet at the meeting of June 26th regarding international allocation of food, with special reference to meat and to the Belgian request for assistance in procuring meat.

This memorandum had been prepared by the Chairman of the Food Requirements Committee as the result of a number of questions which had been raised by different Ministers as to the effect and functioning of meat rationing in Canada, if and when the government decided to impose it. The reasons in favour of such a decision were—humanitarian, i.e., in the interests of the liberated countries in order that our obligations to the other members of the Combined Food Board could be fulfilled, that the good name of Canada should be maintained in the United States, and, from the purely domestic viewpoint, to prevent maldistribution within Canada and a serious deterioration in the price situation.

(Memorandum for Cabinet, June 25, 1945, Cabinet document 9.)†

2. MR. ILSLEY said that the whole problem involved difficult and complicated questions, many of which could only be answered by officials concerned. This was particularly true of slaughter control, and it was, therefore, suggested that Ministers meet with the experts in order to get a clear conception of what was involved.

3. THE CABINET, after considerable discussion, agreed that a special committee be appointed, to consist of the following Ministers:

The Minister of Finance (Convenor),
The Minister of Justice,
The Minister of Labour,

²³⁴Dans le projet original, le paragraphe commença comme suit:

In the original draft, the paragraph began as follows:

The Canadian Government undertakes to make available an additional quantity...