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It was announced from the Prime Minister's Office today that the Canadian Government has authorized a gift of 500,000 bushels of wheat, at a cost of approximately \$825,000, as a contribution to famine relief in Greece. The wheat will be donated in unmilled form to the Canadian Red Cross Society which has undertaken to arrange to have it milled in Western Canada and transported to Greece. It is expected that the flour will reach Greece in April. Its distribution to the most distressed areas will be supervised by the Greek Red Cross Society in collaboration with the Canadian Embassy in Athens.

The gift is being made in response to urgent appeals received from the Canadian Red Cross Society and other relief organizations familiar with the distressing conditions in northern Greece, where thousands of inhabitants are living under conditions approaching a starvation level.
