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FARM AND DAIRY

Win the War by Food

NE of the features of the Women's Institute Convention held at Ottawa last week, was an address by Mrs. Jean Muldrew, Director of Domestic Economy in the office of the Food Controller. She reviewed the work of the Food Controller and appealed to the women to consider the world food shortage in a broad way and to do their utmost, individually and collectively, to relieve the situa tion and to ensure the heroic wor of France against terrible suffering, which must result if the necessary is not forthcoming. Various food steps which have been taken by the Food Controller were dealt with and Mrs. Muldrew specially emphasized the fact that the war is to be won by food, and that the women play a most important part in its conservation. "The Food Controller has been

criticized because the regulations in the case of public eating houses were applied applied to private houses as said Mrs. Muldrew. "We had not "We had well." no machinery for enforcing this law on private individuals. To attempt to enforce it would have necessitated the institution of a system of espic age which would be detestable to the Canadian people. England, the United States and Canada have adopted essentially similar methods and have asked the neople to ration themselves voluntarily, knowing well that if they cannot appeal to the honor and to the loyalty of the citizens, the case is lost from the beginning.

"The demand for cheaper fats has led the Food Controller to investi-gate the subject of oleomargarine. with the result that the ban on this food has been removed. As the butter required for export is many times greater than Canada can at present supply, the sale of oleomargarine will not affect the butter market. But will have this effect, that it will it enable people who cannot afford butter at the present price to have sufficient fat to nourish the growing chiland in this way the regulation will be a boon to Canada in war times.

"The Food Controller has been able to assist materially in arranging for a steady supply of fish. There has been unfortunate misunderstandan ing in this connection. The Food Controller is not in the fish business and what he did undertake was to facilitate the transportation of fish in refrigerator cars. By using the best shipping agent that he could find, he has been able to see that those cars make a continuous journey from Mulgrave, Nova Scotia, to their destination in the shortest possible time. Every reliable dealer, who is ready to pay cash for his fish, can obtain shipments of fish either from the Ontario Government, or by purchasing which handle the cause I feel like antic. The Food cause you call me." through agencies fish from the Atlantic. Controller has also helped to secure for dealers fish cases by which this runs?" food can be marketed in better 400 condition.

"It seems but a small thing that each woman can do towards saving wheat flour, beef and bacon that are needed for export, yet multiplied by gestion, 1,600,000 Canadian homes, the amount at first. is enormous

Food Conservation Army.

grasp of the facts pertaining to the task before the Food Controller, and to have a better knowledge of what he has done and has still to do to-

shortage of essential food supplies made in reference to the work of the Food Controller regarding prices. His work is compared with that of the

repeatedly that he had no power to fix prices, neither did he intend to fix prices. He knows that to do so would be fatal to increased production, and that only a greatly increased production on the North American continent can save the situation in Europe.

"There is no one here who would not give all honor to the French women who have so nobly endured suffering, privation, unaecu toil, the loss of their goods, and the desecration of their homes, and yet we know that unless the Canadian and American women come to their rescue in the matter of saving the food necessary to export to France, thousands of these women must suffer hunger this winter. We can no longer think in a narrow provincial We are citizens of the world way. and must take upon us the respon-The war to-day is sibilities of such. to be won by food, and in the last analysis only the women can save the situation."

Those Troublesome Questions

LL mothers and fathers are acquainted with that trying age in children when almost every sentence they utter is a question. seems like a thankless task to answer the questions, for many of them apto be asked without much de pear sire to gain information. Another question follows an answer and the replies make little impression. writer in the Youth's Companion points out an interesting way in which one mother so handles the situation that she saves herself much needless talking and at the same time gets her little son to use his mind.

Perhaps as she starts with him for a walk, he sees a ladder resting against the eaves of a house. "Mother." he asks, 'what is the ladder up by that house for?"

Instead of answering in the usual patient but bored way, "So that they can get up on the house, dear," the mother says, in an animated tone, "I wonder what it can be there for?"

"So they can get up on the house," the boy announces, triumphantly, for of course he knew at the beginning why the ladder was there.

"But why should they wish to get up there?" the mother persists. The boy begins to think, and very likely hits upon several reasons for the dder's being in its present position. Having disposed of that problem, the boy cries, "O mother, what makes that horse run?"

"Why do you run?" asks his mother "Oh, because I'm in a hurry, or be-cause I feel like running, or be-

"Then why do you think the horse "Because he feels like running?"

suggests the boy. "Or because the people driving him

are in a hurry," adds the mother; and now the boy really listens to the suggestion, which he would not have done

Of course there are many questions that should be answered frankly and Food Conservation Army. "What we need is to get a better tion age" seldom asks them. Every-amp of the facts pertaining to the thing that he sees is interesting to him; he has much to learn; naturally, he resorts to questions instead of thinking out solutions for himself. wards maintaining the food supply at But when once he has begun to find Wards manimal and stabilities in the second stability of the front and stabilities markeds at his own answers, he has taken the home. Mr. Hanna has kept before first step in learning to reason, and him the great primary objects of sec-hapy is the mother who starts her ing that the fighting men are fed and son on that road, for it leads to fields of making certain that the allied of knowledge for him, and peace of cause will not be endangered by mind for her.



