

TO KEEP FOOD MOVING.

Recent Arrangement Reduces Loss Through Detention of Cars.

As a result of a plan formulated by the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture and the Fruit and Vegetable Committee of the Food Controller's Office, with the co-operation of the railway companies, it is now possible to fix responsibility for undue detention of cars loaded with foodstuffs and to take the necessary steps to require immediate disposition.

Railroads entering Montreal and Toronto and a few other central-distributing centres report regularly to Mr. G. E. McIntosh, Traffic Officer for the Fruit and Vegetable Committee, and the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture, every car of fruit, vegetables and other perishable foodstuffs which has been delayed for 72 hours or more, either awaiting unloading or re-shipment or other disposition. Prompt action is taken by Mr. McIntosh on receipt of these reports.

HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS ACTIVE.

Splendid Work Has Been Done by Organization in Quebec.

Since the beginning of the year 1916 the Quebec Homemakers' Clubs have been working in the interests of food conservation. The "Demonstrator" reports that special attention has been given to the problems of food and nutrition. The preparation and serving of school lunches was demonstrated in twenty-eight communities to club members and school children with gratifying results. Fifty-seven demonstrations on canning and breadmaking were given to school children to aid them with their school fair work.

In order to help the people to a better understanding of the Food Pledge cards and the Orders issued by the Food Controller, since September 1917 the Assistant Demonstrator has visited all the clubs in the province, giving practical demonstrations on the use of substitutes for meat and wheat.

INCREASED USE OF FISH.

One Company's Sales of Cod and Haddock Increased Many Times.

The F. T. James Co., Toronto, writing in reference to the increased use of haddock and cod say: "Right here in Toronto, by co-operation with the The Food Controller's Office, we increased the sale of these fish from ten to sixty-seven thousand pounds a week."

FARMERS AND PRODUCTION.

Prices Must Cover Reasonable Return Over the Actual Cost.

At the recent convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, Mr. A. W. Amos, of Perth County, in a vigorous address pointed out that production depended upon a fair return to the producer.

He advised his hearers "to do their bit." "Our kinsmen are at the front fighting for us," he said. "Let us fight famine for them. We must not mind what the other fellows are doing. Let us watch them as much as we can and criticize if we will. But let us stick to it, whatever his actions, and do our utmost."

Mr. E. H. Stonehouse, President of the Ontario Milk Producers' Association said in part:—

"Farmers are working fourteen hours a day and yet production is falling off. Why? Because the rural population has declined by 30, 50 and, in some cases, to the extent of 70 per cent.

ONLY MEN ON THE LAND.

Millionaires' Money Cannot Relieve the Food Situation.

Hon Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture of Alberta, addressing a meeting in Calgary this month in connection with the campaign for increased production of pork urged the necessity of breeding more sows in order to do all that was possible towards supplying the requirements of the Allies.

"Millionaires cannot relieve the situation, he said, "it is pork we want, and money will not increase pork production. We must breed sows and raise pigs, and the men in the land are the only ones who can do it."

Mr. Marshall thought it was safe to let the price question take care of itself. All the farmers wanted was the assurance that a decent market would prevail. It was a question of saving the women and children of France, and there was danger of actual starvation unless the farmers of the North American continent did something quickly.

"During the war I will carry out every suggestion made by Food Controller Hanna, whom I have known intimately for twenty years. Mr. Hanna is a man of extraordinary ability and broad experience. He is handling the worst job that could be invented, and he is handling it better than 99 per cent of the men in Canada could handle it."