

FOOD CONTROLLER'S WORK.

Some of the Present Activities of Mr Hanna and his Staff.

Much important work of the Food Controller and many of the matters under consideration for obvious reasons cannot be made public until after all the details have been arranged. In the next issue of The Canadian Food Bulletin it is the intention to give a summary of the work accomplished since the middle of October when the last such summary appeared. It will be continued monthly thereafter, being a condensed record of the work of the Food Controller's office. Following is a partial list of the activities at the present time:

A platform campaign is being inaugurated in order to inform the public as to the vital necessities of the food situation.

The Food Controller is being given authority to license dealers in food supplies, and a general plan of licensing is being prepared. Before it is applied to any particular trade, representatives of that trade will be consulted.

Organization of local Food Economy units is being carried forward in nearly all of the provinces. Pledge card distribution campaigns are under way in several of the provinces.

A system of monthly returns from all wholesale dealers in fish has been instituted and will be the basis for regular statistical market information, which is expected to be beneficial to the fish trade of the Dominion. Such returns will show receipts, deliveries, stocks and prices at each fish centre.

An investigation is being conducted under direction of the Food Controller into the poultry situation. Such questions as the cost of producing eggs and poultry and cost of feeding are being studied.

In co-operation with the United States Food Administration, representatives of the Food Controller for Canada are considering questions in regard to the supply of tin plate for use in the dairy industries and the restriction of its use in other lines.

The whole subject of the exportation of milk from Canada to the United States has been taken up with the United States Food Administration.

Steps are being taken to ensure the supply of binder-twine for next year's harvest.

Canada's interests are being represented before the International Sugar Commission which is now sitting in New York.

Representations have been made to the United States Food Administration in regard to the Canadian requirements of corn during the coming year.

As a result of co-operation between the Food Controller and the Federal Department of Agriculture the farmers throughout the Dominion have been informed of the necessity of increasing the production of hogs in Canada and campaigns have been launched in every province under the direction of the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Steps have been taken to conserve breeding stock, as part of the campaign for increased production of food animals.

A committee is engaged in the preparation of a report in regard to licensing of the sale of cereal foods in smaller packages than 20 pounds weight.

The Food Controller is co-operating with the United States Food Administration and the Allied Governments in order to do all that is possible towards meeting the requirements of food for export to Europe.

Prosecutions have been instituted in a number of cases against restaurant keepers who have failed to comply with the requirements of the Order in Council restricting the use of beef and bacon and requiring that substitutes for white bread be provided in all public eating places. Action is pending in other cases.

The Fruit and Vegetable Committee is working out details of a plan for regulation of the profits to be allowed on the handling of fruit in 1918, and for checking speculation in fruit.

Plans for licensing of all fishermen and producers, distributors and retailers of fish and for regulation of the fishing industry in inland waters have been prepared and all branches of the industry have expressed a willingness to co-operate.

Regulation of the price of Western winter-caught fish has been considered and a plan prepared. Joint action by the authorities of the United States and Canada is contemplated in order to make it effective.