

FAST AS PASSENGER TRAIN.

Campaign for Increased Fish Consumption Brings Results.

Mr. C. Frank Beer and Mr. R. Y. Eaton, members of the Fish Committee of the Food Controller's office, recently addressed the Womens' Press Club of Toronto and reviewed what had been done to increase the consumption of fish in Canada in order that more meat might be available for export to the Allies. Mr. Eaton stated that the demand for fish had been greatly increased. He said that the special semi-weekly fish train from the Atlantic coast to Montreal was as fast as a passenger train and was just what the fish dealers pleaded for in vain before the fish campaign increased business so that it was practicable to inaugurate such a service. Mr. Eaton also dealt with the necessity for better organization of the fish industry in order to avoid the tremendous waste which occurs under present conditions.

SCREENINGS FOR FARMERS.

Large Supply of Feed for Livestock Now Assured.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, has completed an agreement with a number of terminal elevators whereby the Department will purchase all screenings of the standard of a sample submitted to the minister, at \$35 per ton. The Chief Grain Inspector will provide inspection.

A cargo of screenings will be moved at once to lake port elevators, and immediately following the close of navigation, 100,000 tons of these screenings will be held at terminal elevators at lake ports to meet possible demands from Western Canada.

Provincial Departments of Agriculture will handle orders for screenings, and Mr. R. J. Allen, the newly-appointed head of the Bureau of Feed Purchase and Distribution, will direct the distribution, under Mr. H. S. Arkell, Acting Live Stock Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Licenses will not be approved by the Food Controller for the export of standard screenings, but licensees will be issued for the export of refuse screenings when application is accompanied by a certificate from the Board of Grain Commissioners.

This action will do much to promote the campaign for increased production of hogs, by ensuring for the farmers a larger supply of feed.

NOTES FROM PROVINCES.

MANITOBA.

The women of Manitoba are taking up with enthusiasm the suggestions for food conservation. Several meetings have been held and the lady "explainers" in the campaign report that they are being well received everywhere. Mrs. A. Cade, Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. Charles Little, I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Central Battalion Auxiliary; and Mrs. A. A. Perry, Local Council of Women, have been appointed to undertake an educational campaign on food conservation and the work has been subdivided between committees for the city and province. Letters and literature on food conservation have been sent to clergymen throughout the province asking for their co-operation. Several meetings have been voluntarily arranged, Prof. J. B. Reynolds reports, by Grain Growers' associations, the Home Economics Society and other bodies. There is a demand for good speakers.

TO SAVE WHEAT FLOUR.

By Utilizing Other Flours as Partial Substitute in Bread.

Steps have been taken by the Food Controller with a view to arranging for the use of flour from corn, rye, barley, oats, etc., as a partial substitute for wheat flour in making a standard war loaf. Prof. R. Harcourt, Head of the Department of Chemistry of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, left this week for the West where he will consult with the bakers in a number of western cities.

A STRIKING COMPARISON.

Canadians Eating Nearly 7 Times as Much Sugar as People of France.

Figures recently compiled by the United States show that whereas the monthly per capita consumption of sugar in Canada and the United States is 7.4 pounds, the people of France are on rations of 1.1 pounds, while the monthly ration in Germany is only .77 pounds. Similarly with meat, the per capita monthly consumption of meat in Canada and the United States in 1916-17 was 12.5 pounds, as compared with 8.5 pounds in France and 2.2 pounds in Germany.