

## TIT-BITS OF FOOD CONTROL.

The Brazilian Government has authorized the creation of a food administration.

The New Zealand Government has made arrangements to take over the entire wheat crop at \$1.41 per bushel.

Sixty tons of dressed reindeer meat was recently marketed in the States. This meat is quite tender and, although it has the taste of wild game, it is as good as beef.

Wheat price has been continued in effect in the United States for the 1919 crop by President Wilson in a proclamation fixing \$2.20 as the minimum price at primary markets.

The National Kitchen movement in England has recently made rapid strides, and there are now established in various parts of the country 623 national, or voluntary, kitchens, many with restaurants attached.

"Five bushels of wheat will provide bread for a soldier on the firing line for a whole year. Five bushels of wheat will keep the life in two adults or three children in the refuge camps of Europe. It isn't a matter of money, but of actually saving human life.

Brewing operations of all kinds in the United States will cease upon December 1, until further orders, and no further unmalted grains can be purchased for brewing purposes. The Food Administration has been directed to issue the necessary regulations.

"Some dissatisfaction has been caused by the late orders concerning the consumption of sugar," says the Omaha World-Herald, "but the discontented should direct their criticism at the German junkers. The shortage of sugar has been caused largely by the U-boats."

Marking a new step in the development of the port of Vancouver as a wheat distributing point, Australian wheat was on September 17 for the first time in history bulked and cleaned at the Canadian Government elevators, preparatory to being shipped to the Old Country.

The Deutsche Tageszeitung states that in examining samples of bread the Chemical Institute of Research of the city of Leipzig found the following foreign bodies present: Feathers, thread, wadding, lysol, paper, wood, straw, gypsum, chalk, splinters, and sand. The bread of one large bakery unaccountably contained about 13 per cent of copper in the form of verdigris.

On May 20 the price of wheat bread in the Ukraine was about 40 cents per pound loaf; and flour 39 cents per pound.

Rationing of cheese in Switzerland has been in force since June 1. The allowance is  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound per person monthly.

The beet sugar crop of the United States is expected to be about 38,174 tons less than in 1917.

American pork exports for June totaled 169,331,000 pounds which is more than four times the pre-war monthly average.

An illustrated pamphlet on rabbit rearing (No. 80) will be sent to anyone applying for it to the Poultry Division, Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B.C.

Stocks of sugar in Paris on May 31, 1918, were about half what they were on the same date in 1917. The total amount of sugar in France is lower than ever before, even in war times.

The new British Food Minister, Mr. J. R. Clynes, is continuing the policies of the late Lord Rhondda with respect to the fixing and maintenance of maximum prices, production and rationing.

The Prussian State Office for Foodstuffs and Eggs ordered that poultry keepers must deliver to the government from 25 to 30 eggs for each hen kept. Lately the State Office has ruled that one hen is to be allowed free for each member of the household.

According to a statement issued by the Department of Labour, the average cost of the weekly budget for an average family in Canada for staple goods during the month of August was \$13.41, as compared with \$13 in July, and \$7.68 in August, 1914.

The magnitude of the organization for controlling food which war conditions have evolved in Great Britain is shown by the fact that the total annual turnover is approximately \$4,500,000,000, imported cereals alone absorbing over \$5,000,000 a day. This amount represents the money paid for the purchase of foodstuffs for resale.

Herr Von Waldow, president of the German Food Regulation Board, speaking at a reception to the leaders of German trades union, said he regretted the lateness of the harvest and that there were no sharper means than were at present used to get more foodstuffs. The corn crop, he said was only fifteen per cent better than that of last year and the potato crop was probably worse.