

MILL-FEED PRICES FIXED.

Arrangements are Made to Assist Production Campaign.

The Food Controller has fixed the prices for bran and shorts at \$24.50 and \$29.50 respectively, per ton in bulk, f.o.b. Fort William. These prices became effective on December 17. The margin of profit to dealers may also be fixed as soon as information from the several provinces can be secured in response to inquiries which have been sent out.

The prices for feed at Western points will be the fixed prices less freight to Fort William. At places west of the points of milling, the prices will be the Fort William fixed prices less freight from the mills to Fort William, plus freight from the point of milling to destination. At Eastern points the prices will be the fixed prices, plus freight from Fort William. The cost in bags will be about \$6.30 per ton higher in each case.

The Millers' Committee is acting in co-operation with the Food Controller and preference in the distribution of supplies of feed is being given to the farmers. This action will put the farmers throughout Canada in the best possible position and will encourage them to make still greater efforts to increase the production of hogs and other food animals.

Following the fixing, by the Food Controller, of prices for mill feeds, the Grain Committee of the Toronto Board of Trade, reduced the price of bran and middlings \$3 a ton and of shorts \$4 a ton. Similar reductions were reported from other places. The Commercial Editor of The Toronto Mail and Empire in a recent issue said: "Under the new arrangement farmers in Canada will be enabled to secure their bran at \$7 under the price charged in the United States. Bran was quoted yesterday at \$43 a ton in Boston, which is equal to \$42 a ton Montreal."

In order to assist in the campaign for greater production of food animals, the Food Controller has also arranged that not a ton of bran and shorts will be allowed to be exported until the Canadian requirements are fully met.

The Food Controller and the Federal Department of Agriculture, assisted by the Provincial Departments, has been working out plans to ensure for the farmers an ample supply of mill by-products. A Feed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture was created recently and Mr. R. J. Allen put in charge. The next step was to prohibit the exportation from Canada of feed

of any kind except under license. The fixing of prices and the announcement that no license will be issued unless the feed is first offered to the Government make the control complete and ensure that all the offals from Canadian flour mills will be available for Canadian requirements. As a result of this arrangement the Government recently refused to allow the exportation by a large milling company of 143 cars of bran and shorts, but purchased them and resold them to farmers without any charge for the Government's services. The mills are co-operating and no effort is being made by them to take new orders for export of mill feeds. Mr. Hanna has stated that, if necessary to ensure the farmers obtaining feed supplies, the Government would take the total output of mill by-products and distribute it. He added that action would be taken at once in case of complaints that the mills were requiring the purchase of flour with the offals. This practice must be discontinued.

A separate Feed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, is being established in Winnipeg to serve Western Canada. This branch will co-operate with Mr. J. D. McGregor, Assistant Food Controller, Winnipeg.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Food Controller's Suggestions Have Been Put into Effect There.

In connection with the last visit of His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire to Western Canada, Lieutenant-Colonel Henderson, Military Secretary to the Governor General, sent a letter to the civic authorities at each of the places where stops were to be made, urging compliance with the Food Controller's regulations at all meals. In the letter to the Mayor of Calgary, Lieutenant-Colonel Henderson said:

"His Excellency desires me to bring to your notice the fact that he desires that there should be no undue expenditure on the occasion of his visit to your city, and he hopes that it will be possible for you to conform in every particular to the regulations laid down by the Food Controller by rigid economy in connection with all meals. I would add that *it has been the practice since the suggestions of the Food Controller have been before the country to put them into effect at Government House.*"