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**Statement of the Prime Minister on Consumer
Rationing of Meat.**

Consumer rationing of meat will be re-imposed in Canada as soon as the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is able to complete the extensive arrangements which are necessary to carry it out, it was announced today by the Prime Minister. The decision was reached after the whole question of world food supply and requirements had been subjected to a careful review which has been proceeding for some time in joint discussion with the United Nations.

"There has been a growing knowledge in Canada of the great and even desperate needs of the hungry liberated areas, for supplies of food", the Prime Minister stated, "and large shipments of Canadian produce have been going forward week by week to the common pool from which the needs of these and other countries are being supplied. Efforts to increase the supplies of meat ~~have been~~ ^{in the first instance, were} particularly handicapped by the lack of adequate transportation and refrigeration. Steps were first taken, therefore, to increase the supplies of canned meats and it will be remembered that recently nearly all supplies of canned meats were taken off the Canadian market in order that shipments might be made to those areas in Europe to which it was not possible to ship other forms of meat. Steps were taken also to direct as much as possible of the output of inspected packing plants to the export market."

"In the past weeks, slaughterings in inspected plants, which provide the only meat which, under present arrangements, the Government can direct into export markets, have fallen off very sharply", Mr. King said. "This reduction in slaughterings, coming at a time of heavily increased demands for troop movements and ships' stores, has meant a decline in supplies available for export. Further, through our survey of the whole situation we have ascertained that transportation, refrigeration and other