

# SOME PRACTICAL RESULTS.

## A Few of the Food Controller's Recent Activities.

As a result of the Order in Council placing feeding stuff under embargo for export, except under license from the Food Controller, no less than 140 carloads of bran and shorts, which would otherwise have been exported to the United States, were made available in a single week for Canadian farmers. This action was made possible through the co-operation, with the Food Controller, of the Feed Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. The refusal of a license, if it can be proved that the feed could be sold for the same price in Canada as in the United States, will be an important factor in providing an adequate supply for farmers who have responded to the call for increased production of hogs.

As a result of representations to the United States authorities made by the Office of the Food Controller for Canada, an order was issued releasing the cottonseed oil which had been held up at the international boundary en route to Canada, and an adequate supply has been ensured for Canadian requirements for the next six months.

The Bureau of Licenses of the Food Controller's Office has dealt with nearly 3,000 applications for export licenses during the past two weeks.

Three hundred licenses to import oleomargarine and two licenses to manufacture oleomargarine became effective on Monday of this week. Some delay was caused owing to the embargo by the United States on the exportation of oleomargarine to Canada, but this difficulty was overcome by negotiation between the Food Controller's office and the United States authorities. As a result, oleomargarine is now available to the Canadian consumer, under strict regulations which protect both the purchaser of oleomargarine and the Canadian dairy farmer. This action on the part of the Food Controller has brought other animal fats in wholesome form within the reach of many people who could not buy butter at its present price. The Canadian producer is protected by the almost unlimited demand for butter for export.

Mr. C. W. Baxter, representing the Food Controller, with a staff of several officials from the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture, has been in Charlottetown, P.E.I., this week in connection with the transportation of potatoes from Prince Edward Island to consuming centres in Ontario and Quebec. A large number of island cars have been lined and equipped with heaters by the Canadian Government Railways, and will be distributed over the island for the purpose of carrying potatoes to Port Borden. On arrival, the potatoes will be loaded into mainland cars, which have also been lined and equipped with heaters. As soon as five or more cars are ready, they will be at once conveyed across from the island on the Canadian Government ferry, and attached to a through train to points in Central Canada.

Mr. Hayes, General Manager of the Canadian Government railways, is doing everything in his power to perfect transportation. Unfortunately, Prince Edward Island has just experienced one of the most severe snowstorms that has prevailed there for years, and traffic on the island railway is at a standstill. In some cases the snow is piled as high as the top of the cars. The road, however, is being cleared, and it is expected that in a few days, a steady movement of potatoes from the island will go forward. These train loads of potatoes will be accompanied by representatives of the Fruit Branch, who will see that fires are kept on, and that the potatoes are kept from freezing.

Regulations have been prepared and adopted to govern the manufacture and importation of cereals in packages of less weight than 20 pounds. Application forms will be sent out at once.

Preliminary steps have been taken to curtail the use of cane sugar in the manufacture of candies. Manufacturers have been informed of the necessity for saving such sugar and are now endeavouring to adjust their business to the requirements of the situation.

As the Food Bulletin is going to press, the Food Controller has received telegraphic advice from a representative of his office,