

HAVE MANY APPLICATIONS.

Review of the Work of the Bureau of Licenses.

The Bureau of Licenses of the Food Controller's Office is now handling approximately 100 applications and 250 letters every day.

The Bureau was organized on November 16 on twenty-four hours' notice, under the direction of Mr. Walter E. Ireland, of the T. Eaton Company, Toronto. For the initial organization, some twenty-five volunteers were loaned by large business houses and transportation companies. It has now been possible to reduce the staff to less than half that number.

The control over exportation of food, feeding stuff, etc., from this continent which made necessary the creation of the War Trade Board of the United States and the Canadian Bureau of Licenses, was worked out by the United States Food Administration, with the Food Controller for Canada co-operating. Such control was absolutely necessary in the interests of the Allied nations and in order to protect the public of this continent against the drain of essential foodstuffs. The Bureau of Licenses has also been able to secure modification or removal of a number of embargoes placed by the United States authorities against the exportation of certain commodities to Canada. Representations as to the needs of Canada have been made to the War Trade Board by officers of the Bureau of Licenses and other representatives of the Food Controller's Office, and the results have been remarkably gratifying.

FOR PRODUCTION OF SEED.

The Government of British Columbia and the Provincial University are co-operating in a programme to increase greatly the production of seed in that Province. The work is being taken up energetically by the Provincial authorities and by Dr. Westbrook, who is President of the University, and also Chairman of the British Columbia Branch of the National Committee on Food Resources.

Already nine acres at the University are growing choice seed and as a result of work already done, Commissioner Clark, of the Dominion Committee on Conservation, has recommended to the Federal Department of Agriculture that all the work of seed producing be centred in British Columbia. The land in the vicinity of Victoria has long been recognized as one of the most suitable seed-producing sections in the world.

MILK CHEAPER IN CANADA.

Consumers in New York City Pay Higher Prices for Smaller Measure.

The Federal Milk Commission has fixed the following prices to be charged during January by the distributors of milk in New York City.

Grade A, quart bottles, delivered to consumer, 17 cents.

Grade B, in quart bottles, to consumer, 15 cents.

Grade B, in pint bottles, delivered to consumer, 9 cents.

Grade B, in quart bottles, sold to store, etc., for resale, 13½ cents.

Grade B, in quart bottles, sold from stores, without delivery service, 14 cents.

Grade B, in cans, sold to stores, etc., for resale, 10½ cents.

Grade B in cans, sold to consumer from stores, without delivery service, 11 cents.

In making any comparison with the prices of milk in Canadian cities it must be remembered that the Canadian (Imperial) quart is one-fifth larger than the wine quart which is the standard in the United States.

TO SAVE SPACE IN CARS.

Communication from the Food Controller to railway companies.

The following communication has been sent from the Food Controller to the railway companies: "In order to alleviate the car shortage I would be strongly in favour of urging upon the shippers and railways of Canada that instructions be issued to all agents that such foodstuffs, and commodities as grain, salt, sugar, apples, potatoes, etc., be not accepted unless loaded to the full cubical or weight carrying capacity of the car. This, I feel, would tend to conserve the cars and move the maximum quantity of foodstuffs.

"I trust your association will be able to adopt this recommendation as quickly as possible."

MINING MEN ASKED TO HELP.

The Food Controller has written to the Secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, Mr. H. Mortimer Lamb, appealing for the support of the mining men of Canada in the campaign for increased production of hogs and increased use of frozen fish in such camps.

The Regina Board of Trade is making inquiries into the suggestion that city by-laws on keeping pigs be modified and the secretary is preparing a report on the subject.