

on its undertakings and because new famine conditions are now aggravating present shortages.

In Canada, the chief present limit to sending more cereals overseas, is transportation. Even before the Attlee cable, we planned capacity shipments of 140 million bushels of wheat and flour in these next six months. The most we can physically manage now, is to squeeze out an extra 5 or 10 million bushels for export in this period. Part of this will probably come out of the distilling industry; part will come from the millers. Whatever can be saved or found will be shipped by commandeering extra box cars at the expense of other users.

As well, ways may be found to channel emotional desires of Canadians towards helping Britain at this time. Ottawa is not at all sure how much real benefit will come from many of the "Bites-for-Britain" schemes already proposed. Many of them look good on the surface but don't really tighten our belts. For instance, free movies to collect canned goods (as has been suggested) may not actually make any real dent in Canadian consumption. Most such schemes merely put a new strain on existing supplies with housewives buying an extra tin or two, to replace, in ^{their} own larders, the amount contributed.

Another possibility is that Canadians be asked to turn in a certain number of ration coupons as a freewill offering. A food conservation program also may be undertaken.

I'm not arguing that we in Canada couldn't do more. That would be absurd. What I do want to emphasize is that the present immediate crisis is not of Canada's making and is, in fact, a problem about which Canada can do very little more than she has already undertaken.