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Factors Governing Further Assistance

Production in Canada is already at a very high level. Transportation facilities are pressed to the utmost. The possibility of further increase in our efforts is therefore subject to definite limitations. Nevertheless even small savings when added together will amount to substantial relief. One pound of flour will keep a person alive for a day. An additional 10 million bushels of wheat from Canada would maintain life for 15 million people for a month.

In making further plans to meet the disastrous shortage abroad the Government has had in mind both the immediate pressing need this year, which will certainly continue until the 1946 crops in other parts of the world become available, and the likelihood of continuing shortages which may vary in degree and in locality but which may last two, three or even four years. We are planning our production to provide assistance to meet the immediate need and also to give us the maximum yield over the coming years.

We must take care that further expansion in any one field of production does not hamper our output of other necessary foodstuffs which we are exporting in large quantities.