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(4) The millers will be asked to arrange that inventory supplies of wheat and flour in warehouses and in retail stores be kept to the minimum needed for satisfaction of the demand.

(5) Reduction in distilling for alcohol production would only produce a very small amount of wheat, since only 600,000 bushels a month are used for that purpose and 50% of the alcohol is for industrial use.

(6) A reduction in the use of barley for malting would provide alternative feed supplies which could make available some 4 or 5 million bushels of lower grade wheat for human consumption, which is being kept as a feed reserve.

(7) In addition to the 5,000,000 bushels of oats released for human consumption recently, a quantity of up to 12,000,000 bushels could be released for seeding in Europe.

(8) Rice is in many parts of the world a preferred alternative to wheat. The demand for rice is just as great and urgent as that for wheat at the present time. Canada has restricted its consumption of that product by its civilian population to the lowest total of all the war years, reserving the largest part of these supplies for the oriental population in Canada; she has many times offered to remove rice from the market altogether, if similar action is taken by countries in similar position.

(9) Since the emergency will last beyond the next few months because all reserves of cereals will be exhausted by the end of the present crop year, the point was raised of possibly increasing the acreage sown of wheat.

(10) A publicity campaign which could start with a statement by the Prime Minister would be needed to ensure the success of any of the steps taken above and that everybody makes the utmost effort to conserve supplies to maximize overseas shipments.