

**WORK IN WESTERN CANADA.****Report of Recent Activities by Mr. McGregor's Office.**

Following is a report from the Office of Mr. J. D. McGregor, Western representative of the Food Controller, Winnipeg:

On January 23rd Mr. McGregor spoke at the Winnipeg Rotary Club luncheon on the subject of meat animals. On the following day he conferred with Mr. F. P. Reed, Dominion Grain Commissioner. On January 25th the managers of the several mills located in Winnipeg met with Mr. McGregor to discuss the price of flour in the West.

The Fish Department now occupies separate office room at 203 Scott Block. Circulars have been sent to fish distributors requiring them to submit weekly returns.

This Office notified all mills that the Food Controller's milling order must be complied with by January 28th. We also notified wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables that their applications for licenses must be made immediately. Export application forms have been sent out to all flour exporters.

**Production on Indian Lands.**

Mr. W. Graham, of the Department of Indian Affairs, interviewed Mr. McGregor recently in regard to efforts for greater production on the Indian reserve.

Mr. Allen, of the Dominion Grain Commission, arrived on January 31st. A meeting was held between representatives of the mills and Messrs. McGregor, Allen and Reed, to consider the question of bran and shorts. A sample of the new standard flour made from Spring wheat was received on this date.

A Dairymen's Convention was held in Winnipeg on January 31st and February 1st and 2nd. Mr. McGregor left for Ottawa on February 2nd. Arrangements have been completed for demonstrations in school houses by the Manitoba Food Resources Committee. "Explainers" are to be sent to meetings of women's organizations. In cooperation with this Office the Daughters of the Empire are providing a patriotic food show during Bonspiel week.

**TO INCREASE WHEAT ACREAGE.**

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has instructed its district representatives in all parts of the Province to use every means in their power to encourage increased planting of Spring wheat. A special bulletin has been prepared by Professor Zavitz, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and will be distributed widely.

**"LIES."**

The usual stories are starting, one to the effect that Mr. Thomson the new Food Controller has extensive dairy interests in Canada, and that he is using his influence to prevent the importation of oleomargarine from the United States, and further that Mr. Thomson is and has been interested and connected with the Grocery Trade. Both of these lies are absolutely without foundation. Mr. Thomson never owned a dairy cow in his life, nor is he associated or interested in any branch of the Grocery Trade.

These stories are of the same class as the usual German propaganda, and efforts are being made to trace them to their source in order that the originators may receive due recognition from the Kaiser by way of an iron cross after the war.

**WASTE WOULD FEED ALLIES.****Attack Non-Essential Uses of Food, says Mr. Hoover.**

In a letter to Hon. Sydney Anderson, House of Representatives, Washington, the United States Food Administrator emphasizes the necessity of attacking the non-essential uses of foodstuffs and the points of unnecessary consumption of foodstuffs. Mr Hoover estimates that on this continent is consumed or destroyed over 30 per cent more food than is necessary to maintain the health and strength of the people. This margin, if it could be saved, would supply all the Allies' requirements.

**CORN FOR CANADA APPORTIONED.**

The Food Controller has completed arrangements with the War Trade Board at Washington, providing for the apportionment to Canada of a definite number of cars of corn monthly. This allotment for Canadian requirements has been apportioned among Canadian Importers, who will thus be relieved of the necessity of securing separate import licenses for each shipment.

**DANES ARE EATING WOLFHOUSES.**

Food is so scarce in Denmark that the famous Danish wolfhounds are being slaughtered for food. Northern European neutrals are in dire straits by reason of the shortage of food supplies.