

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES.

Organization of the Canada Food Board has been completed and conference held with representatives of the Provincial Governments with a view to enlisting their fullest co-operation.

One thousand Ford tractors have been purchased at cost and will be made available for the farmers throughout Canada practically at cost. An option has been secured on an additional 1,000 of these tractors.

Campaign for increased production of maple syrup and maple sugar has been inaugurated in Eastern Canada in co-operation with the Provincial Governments and handlers of maple products.

The Canada Food Board were in conference with Sir Robert Borden, Hon. T. A. Crerar and the premiers of the provinces and the campaign for increased production in 1918 was outlined.

The Food Board conferred with representatives of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture and secured data as to specific requirements of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for an increased production campaign in 1918.

Representations made to the British Ministry of Food by the Fish Committee of the Canada Food Board have been successful in securing a cargo of 5,000 tons of salt from Spain which will be delivered in Halifax in March for the use of fishermen in the Maritime Provinces.

The question of conservation of needed food supplies in connection with the arranging of meals for passengers and crews has been taken up with the Steamship Companies throughout Canada. Their replies indicate a desire to co-operate in every possible way.

The Fish Committee has made arrangements with the Managers of the various Railway Companies for the most expeditious handling of fresh frozen fish.

A campaign for increased consumption of frozen fish has been carried on and has met with a very large measure of success.

Arrangements have been made for a campaign for home gardening and vacant-lot cultivation with a view to having the largest possible amount of food produced in the cities this year.

The co-operation of the Rotary Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs is being interested in the cause of increased conservation and production.

The question of the supply of tinplate in connection with the Food industries has been receiving careful attention by the Canada Food Board, and important recommendations have been made to the War Trade Board.

The licensing of wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables has been completed.

Arrangements have been made to provide Pacific frozen fish for the people of Western Canada at modern prices.

Arrangements are being made with the Retail Merchants throughout Canada to keep the needs of conservation and increased food production before the public in their advertisements in the newspapers and elsewhere.

The bread-baking industry is being brought under license and bakery products have been standardized.

Campaign in Toronto and Hamilton, initiated by The Canada Food Board, for increased consumption of carrots and onions, in order to prevent waste and to save bread and other food, is proving a splendid success.

"Soldiers of the Soil" movement, intended to enlist 25,000 boys for work on the farms, has been organized and campaign is about to be launched.

The Produce Committee has completed its report and prepared recommendations for regulations of the produce trade of the Dominion. Regulations have been drafted by the Canada Food Board and the produce trade will soon be brought under license.

Regulations to govern the wholesale grocery trade have been prepared. The restrictions on public eating places in regard to the use of beef and bacon have been extended to include pork of all kinds, and in future cereal substitutes must be provided for white bread at all meals. The beefless and porkless days are now Wednesdays and Fridays instead of Tuesdays and Fridays, as formerly.

Regulations have been prepared and are now being put in final form to penalize waste of food.