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The sugar situation so far as Canada is concerned is largely in the hands of the public itself. Transportation conditions have been bad, but with the restrictions which have been imposed by the Canada Food Board on bakers, confectioners, eating places, candy manufacturers and on private households, so far as the use of cane sugar in icings on cakes and the making of candy for private consumption is concerned, a very large saving will be effected. If this saving be increased by all possible economies in private households and by curtailed consumption of candy, it is certain that there will be a sufficient supply of sugar for the canning and preserving season. The Food Board has been successful recently in securing ships to carry raw sugar to Canada and these supplies have definitely improved the situation. With continued care, there is now no danger of anything in the nature of a sugar famine and, if the public will do its share, there will be no shortage for the canning and preserving season. Continued economies are necessary, however, and the Food Board's regulations must be strictly observed.

The International Sugar Commission of New York and the Royal Commission of London, working in co-operation, virtually control the raw sugar of the world. The International Sugar Commission allocated to Canada this year 320,000 tons, as against 400,000 tons last year. Our exports of refined sugar last year amounted to about 55,000, so that the net shortage for Canadian consumption amounted to about 25,000 tons, or approximately six per cent. The International Sugar Commission, however, expected to be able to allocate an additional 70,000 tons to Canada, which would have given us a net surplus over last year of 45,000 tons.

Transportation difficulties became unexpectedly acute and sugar receipts in Canada fell far below schedule. Arrangements were almost completed for ships to bring raw sugar direct to Canada, but these had to be dropped. This combination of transportation difficulties made necessary the restrictions imposed during recent weeks by the Canada Food Board. They will have the effect of building up a reserve stock for the canning and preserving period. To accomplish this to the extent that is desired, so that no part of our fruit or vegetable crop this year may be lost on account of shortage of sugar, requires the intelligent co-operation of the public, especially of private homes.

GLADIATORS IN WARTIME.

A Contrast That Must Interest People of Canada.

Wellington's dictum that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton is an epigrammatic way of expressing the general knowledge that a training in athletic sports is calculated to fit a man for the dangers and hardships of war. British casualty lists are gemmed and studded with the names of fallen officers who in time of peace distinguished themselves in the football field, the cricket crease, on the river and at polo, and in a dozen other outdoor sports. It may be that the deepest chested athlete has shown no greater bravery than the puny clerk, but he has at any rate lived up to the best traditions of British sportsmanship and manhood and has played the great game as gallantly and as modestly as he played his boyish games before the war. What is true of British sportsmen and athletes has been equally true of Canadian and Australian athletes. Here in Canada, the great national game, lacrosse, has almost ceased to exist on account of the war. The casualty lists have contained the names of many well known lacrosse players, both amateurs and professionals, and the figures presented at lacrosse conventions indicate that the majority of the active players have long since been in khaki. A great many American athletes from all branches of amateur sport have already gone to France, and it is because of the striking contrast to what English-speaking athletes in general have done that attention is directed to the part played by professional baseball players in the United States.

Those of them who have been conscripted have no option but to go, but those who fear they may yet have to enlist are taking precautions that do more credit to their ingenuity than to their patriotism. Many of them have found a haven in shipbuilding. If engaged as shipbuilders they will be exempt from the next draft, or so, at any rate, they believe, and they are as busy as so many Nogs in seeking employment as shipbuilders. The job does not pay as well as baseball, but better than soldiering, and is much safer. When the war is over these heroes of the diamond expect to return to the ball parks with whole hides and once more prance and pose before the American public. In this they probably miscalculate. They will find that there is no longer a desire on the part of the American people to contribute to the support of athletes who in time of peace were considered the very gladiators of the country, but who, when war broke out, showed nothing but a determination not to expose themselves to danger.

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