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rate of expanded production has been maintained and in some cases even increased. Wheat acreage has been raised to a very high level. Rationing and restrictions on sales of certain foods to help provide more for export were continued and even extended; meat rationing was reimposed. Complete control of agricultural products, in particular grains, has been retained in order to ensure that as much food as possible may be made available to the hungry of other nations.

When, some months ago, it became apparent that the expected serious food situation in the world would be greatly aggravated by drought in large areas, and by other difficulties, the Canadian government took still further steps to meet the threat of famine. On March 17th the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced a nine-point programme upon which the Canadian government had decided in order to increase supplies of foodstuffs for export. This programme included:

1. Reduction by 10 per cent below 1945 of wheat released  
for human consumption in Canada.
2. Reduction by 50 per cent of wheat released for distilleries.
3. Special income tax arrangements to encourage immediate  
marketing of wheat stored on farms.