

deliveries of imported butter in advance of the time when additional supplies would be required to maintain the present ration.

20. The Minister of Agriculture said that negotiations with Australia and New Zealand were proceeding and that no difficulty was anticipated in obtaining the necessary supplement to domestic stocks. It should be possible, at a very early date, to have firm arrangements as to delivery.

21. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Minister of Agriculture.

Polish veterans in Canada; medical treatment

22. The Minister of National Revenue (as Acting Minister of Labour) submitted a report upon the first three thousand Polish veterans brought to Canada for agricultural labour under the government plan.

On the whole, the group which had arrived were wholly satisfactory. Despite, however, examination overseas by Canadian doctors loaned to the Immigration Branch by National Health and Welfare, x-ray examination in Canada had revealed subsequently some seventy-four active and seventy-six questionable cases of tuberculosis among the three thousand.

This situation had developed primarily as a result of the inability of the United Kingdom to carry out their commitment to supply medical records, complete equipment and medical supplies for examinations in Italy.

In the circumstances, irrespective of the United Kingdom's share of responsibility, it was felt that the men affected should receive treatment in Veterans Affairs hospitals in Canada rather than be returned to Britain.

(Letter, Acting Minister of Labour to the Secretary, Dec.12, 1946 and enclosures.)

23. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed:

(a) that tuberculosis cases among the Polish veterans already in Canada be treated by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(b) that the U.K. government be requested to share equally with the Canadian government the costs of such treatment;

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