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## CANADA'S FOOD LINE MUST STILL HOLD

**I**N the matter of food conservation and production, the Allies in general, and Canada in particular, have arrived at a time when the great self-sacrificing efforts they have been making are beginning to tell. Food has gone far towards winning the war. Our brethren in the Mother Country, and our Allies in continental Europe, no longer hover on the ragged edge of an abyss of starvation and defeat.

We cannot say that the food problem has been solved. The problems to be faced during the coming winter are too complex and far-reaching for such an assurance. We cannot say that the war has been won. The task before us is still too great for that.

But we can say that at last we are on the high road to victory—victory over starvation, victory over the flood of barbarism which threatened to reduce the nations to slavery and consign civilization to oblivion.

**N**OW that we are on the high road to triumph, what is our duty—the duty not only of the soldiers in the field, but of each and all of the citizens on whom our men in the firing-line must rely for moral and material backing? Is it not to consecrate ourselves anew to duty and to sacrifice?

Because our brethren in the Old World have been enabled, by our efforts, as well as by theirs, to draw back from the ragged edge of starvation; because the Allied armies have been enabled to bring to nought the Huns' most gigantic effort to snatch victory before the Allies were ready—the great and final "peace offensive," they called it—are these reasons why we should relax our efforts?

The competitor in a race does not quit running when he finds that he has forged ahead of the others and has the goal in sight. He strains himself to greater effort, spurred by the cheering promise of victory if he will but persevere.

So must it be with us, if we are to turn the promise of victory into the glory of victory itself.

Is it not an exalting inspiration to find that the efforts we have been making in food production, food conservation and military enterprise are beginning to tip the scales in our favour?

Does it not reveal to us that we can, if we will, achieve the task we set out to accomplish, and achieve it finally and overwhelmingly, so that the world shall be freed for all time from the cursed system which has been dogging the footsteps of mankind ever since it began to emerge from savagery to civilization?

Surely, now that we are imposing on the Hun the vision of a defeat vastly more cataclysmic than ever dreamed of, more complete by far than at times we ourselves had dared

to hope—surely at such a time we shall not relax, but redouble our efforts!

But, remember, it is the efforts of the many, united to a common end, by which alone victory can be achieved.

Every morsel of food saved, every extra morsel of food produced, every rivet driven in ship plates, every turn of the wheel in the munition factory, every stitch even that is turned in the knitting of socks—COUNTS.

**W**ITH regard to food, it is not enough to have saved the Allies from immediate starvation. We must pile up such a reserve of food as shall protect them and us against any possible emergency.

No one can tell what great extremities in the matter of food may yet arise. Dismissing other considerations for the moment, look at Russia alone. Famine conditions already prevail there, as a result of an economic collapse unparalleled in modern history. There is imminent danger that 20,000,000 people will starve in Russia this winter.

The Russian people are our Allies. Let us never forget that, whatever may be the sentiments put forward by their self-imposed leaders. Their gigantic efforts and colossal sacrifices in the early years of the war saved Europe. At any moment now we may be called upon to save *them*. The coming of peace may increase rather than lessen our task, for, be it well remembered, the silencing of the guns will not replenish the world's table.

**T**HE duty of Canadians to their Allies, and their duty to humanity, demands that they not only maintain but intensify their thrift, particularly in food. Canadians have done nobly. All the world acknowledges that. Let us do more nobly still. Civilians and soldiers, all are in this fight. Let us vow again, each in his own heart, that come bright days or gloomy, *Canada's line shall not break!*



**F**OR those of our readers who are unfamiliar with the actual and potential food wealth of Canada, the following pages will, we trust, portray with some small degree of adequacy the vast food reserves upon which Canada has drawn to the utmost for the saving of Europe and the Allied cause.

In Canadians themselves our Food Resources Number may intensify individual and national pride in our basic food industries; for food production remains the foundation of our national economy. It is our hope that it will also serve to remind them of the imperative and continuing demands of the world's Food Problem—a Problem which the coming of peace itself will by no means solve.