

Commission, which controls the allocation of all sugar supplies. In like manner it has been possible to check hoarding by requiring that only a reasonable amount of sugar for the temporary requirements should be sold to each family.

The Government has announced that no packing company will be allowed a greater profit than 2 per cent on its total sales during any one year, that one-half of all profits on packing house operations between 7 and 15 per cent on actual capital invested in the business shall belong to the Government, and that all profits in excess of 15 per cent shall belong to the Government.

Upon the recommendation of the Food Controller, an Order in Council has been passed prohibiting the use for the distillation of potable liquors of grain of any kind, or any substance which can be used for food. For violation of this Order heavy penalties are provided.

An arrangement has been made with the millers under which mill by-products will be sold by them at cost, and the margin of profit allowed to the dealers may be on a fixed basis for cash.

Information has been obtained as to the available supply of tin plate and the amounts required by the food industries of the Dominion. By curtailing the use of tin plate for other purposes where practicable, it is hoped to secure a sufficient supply for the dairy industries.

A Bureau of Licenses has been organized in remarkably short time and is dealing promptly with all inquiries and applications for licenses for the export of the food and other commodities enumerated in the list of exports which are prohibited except under license.

Through the Fish Committee of this office, and with the cooperation of the Canadian Government Railways, the Food Controller arranged a special fast service for fresh fish in refrigerator cars by the "Seafood Special," running three times per week from Mulgrave, N.S., to Montreal, and reducing time in transit from the Atlantic Coast from 69 to 45 hours. This regular service, which was provided without expense to the Government, ensures a steady supply of fresh sea fish, marketed throughout Quebec and Ontario in good condition and at the lowest possible prices. Co-operation of the express companies has been secured and fish consignments are given special consideration. The Fish Committee receives reports on all shipments from the Atlantic and investigates the cause of any delays.

The Committee arranged for supplies of gasoline for the fish industry in the Maritime Provinces and distillate for the Pacific Coast fisheries, thus preventing a shortage of these supplies which threatened to tie up the shore fishing fleets on both coasts.

Consumption of fish has been increased in the Province of Quebec by a special campaign. Reports from wholesale dealers show that sales have been increased and that many new orders are being received from small towns.

Some 500 refrigerator fish display cases have been supplied for retail dealers in fish in order to facilitate marketing in good condition. The Food Controller's Office is paying part of the cost in order that fish may be available to the local dealers at a price which will encourage them to handle fish. A similar offer will be extended to the trade in Western Canada.

By stimulating increased consumption of fish and encouraging many new dealers to handle it the Food Controller has effected a very large saving in beef and bacon for export to the Armies and to the Allied countries.

Maximum prices have been fixed for winter-caught lake fish in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and profits of middlemen have been limited so that the price to the consumer will be in direct proportion to the price actually paid to the fishermen. This has eliminated competitive bidding for the export market. Under the new arrangement with the fish trade Canadian dealers must be supplied, so that ample lake fish will be available in Western Provinces to meet domestic requirements. Authorities of each municipality may regulate the retailers' spread so that the entire trade in winter-caught Western lake fish is subject to strict regulation and profits regulated all the way between the fishermen and the consumer.

The Fish Committee has made recommendation with regard to extension of seasons in various lakes, extension of catch limits, and the provision of transportation facilities by co-operation of Government Departments and others. Some of these recommendations have been put into effect.

With the co-operation of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the Food Controller arranged for the payment by the Government of two-thirds of the transportation charges on certain classes of Pacific fish, except halibut and salmon, to points as far east as Winnipeg. In this way encourage-