

MEAT SHORTAGE; RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
FOOD REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

1. THE SECRETARY submitted a memorandum from the Food Requirements Committee concerning the world-wide shortage of meat, and suggested action by Canada.

After describing the present critical position, involving an excess of requirements over supply of more than 4½ billion pounds, the memorandum recommended that certain steps be taken, including the rationing of meat in the event of the government deciding to reduce civilian consumption in Canada.

The Prime Minister had been over the memorandum from the Committee and had communicated his concurrence in the action recommended by the Committee.

(Food Requirements Committee memorandum to the Cabinet, March 22nd, 1945;† Chairman's letter to the Secretary, March 22nd, 1945.)†

2. THE MINISTER OF MINES AND RESOURCES read to the meeting a memorandum to the Prime Minister from the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs upon the international implications of Canada's policy with respect to meat.

3. THE CABINET, after considerable discussion, agreed to defer further consideration of the problem until an early meeting the following week, it being understood that meantime;

(a) the Wartime Prices and Trade Board would prepare a report upon the practical problems involved in acceptance of the Committee's recommendations; and,

(b) the Food Requirements Committee would examine and report upon the effectiveness of the action proposed in increasing the supply of meat to the United Kingdom and European countries, with particular reference to the adequacy of inland transport, storage facilities and ocean shipping.

A. D. P. HEENEY
Secretary

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Ottawa, March 27, 1945

A meeting of Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 27th, 1945, at 11.30 a.m.

The Minister of Mines and Resources
(Mr. Crerar), in the Chair.