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The maximum supplies of bread grains that are at present likely to be available from May through to September, 1946, have been assessed at some ten million tons, of which Canada expects to supply 2.3 million tons. Screened requirements for the same period were expected to total 13.4 million tons leaving a deficiency of 3.4 million tons or about 25 per cent. A further intensive review and scaling down of these requirements to the barest minimum needs are likely to reduce the gap over this 5 month period to something under 1 million tons. Inevitably severe hardship will result and great danger of famine will continue. The Canadian government has agreed to associate itself with the United Kingdom and the United States governments in maintaining constant review of the situation, and to put forth its best efforts to secure and make available additional supplies of grain.

The Canadian ministers described the comprehensive programme of agricultural production and of conservation of food which their government is carrying out to meet this situation. In anticipation of the urgent world need for food that would arise immediately following the conclusion of the war, Canadian food production had been expanded during the war years. This high