

can import several million tons of foodstuffs from Britain or elsewhere, a famine of grave proportions threatens.

When Mr. Attlee's cable came to Ottawa it created quite a fuss.

High officials were summoned. The cabinet held weighty deliberations. The situation heightened when President Truman made headlines a day later with proposed American plans. It looked as if Canada were being put behind the eight-ball.

Officials here have been sharpening their pencils on the problem all week. Something will undoubtedly be done. Most everyone in Canada wants it so and the government is very alive to this warm-hearted eagerness to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

But having said this, lets be fair to the Canadian farmer, to the food industry and to Canadians generally. Here are a few important facts:

1. Food production in Canada increased 40 per cent in the war despite a 15 per cent loss of manpower. Some of this increase has gone to raise our own living standards. But here are striking figures to show the proportion of our food production we shipped overseas in 1945:

Wheat - - - - -	73% exported
Meats - - - - -	40%
Cheese	72%
Canned Milk - - - - -	25%
Eggs - - - - -	28%
Canned Fish - - - - -	82%

Add these together and you find that in 1945 we shipped overseas no less than 10½ million tons of foodstuffs.