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### Says food Situation as Serious as '17

(By William J. Humphreys, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Britain's food situation was declared by Agriculture Minister R. S. Hudson today to be "just as serious as it was in the bleakest days of the First Great War."  
Mr. Hudson put this grim picture before a fast this morning in a speech-viewed by informed quarters as a "pep talk" to spur home production. But the House of Lords in debate on the same subject, heard declarations that the country's system needs immediate overhauling to meet the Nazi threat to British shipping.

"The situation today is just as grim as when Mr. Lloyd George (then Prime Minister) started his intensive food production campaign in 1917," Mr. Hudson told the farmers. "The Government is trying to adjust production so as to produce foodstuffs which will keep the people healthy as well as alive."  
He said the Royal Navy's task of defeating the German counter-blockade of submarines and long distance bombers now is "doubtful or treacherous" as difficult as in the last war.

Exhorting the farmers to increase home production, Mr. Hudson declared that farm labor would have to contribute to the steadily increasing demands for food services and that, except for conscientious objectors sent to farms, additional labor would have to be provided by women.  
In the House of Lords Lord Strathairn, Labor peer, said the situation was serious, but not desperate. There are large accumulations of stores, he explained, and heavy cargoes "have come through unscathed."  
Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, took an even more optimistic view. He said the Government is "not at all worried" by the present situation. He said the Government is "not at all worried" by the present situation. He said the Government is "not at all worried" by the present situation.

### Progress In Indian Handicrafts

Progress in Indian handicraft industries in reserves in Eastern Canada is reported by the Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Many traditional arts and crafts have been revived, and the sales of their handicraft products are tending to make the Indian people more self-supporting. As a step towards the extension of these home industries, among the Indians of Western Canada, six Indian workers from Ontario and Quebec are at present taking part in a demonstration of the art of basket making at the Winnipeg store of the Hudson's Bay Company.

### Find Canada Grown Tidier In 20 Years

(By Gladys Arnold, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Canada, says Lady Byng, widow of Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, 1921-29, has become a much "neater and tidier" place in the last 20 years. Even the telephone poles look better, she said.  
"I used to be able to laugh, to see the telephone poles marching across the country, all shags and ditches, and the houses, and a lot of drunken soldiers," Lady Byng said.

"But a few years seem to have changed all that. Now there's a certain symmetry and orderliness about it. Roads are broader and really fine highways now. Telephone poles are straight and precise."  
Lady Byng admitted she rather missed those "roads of other days, the signposts of a young nation spreading itself out and putting its roots into the ground."  
Lady Byng, who has herself been as busy as a young girl, because of that, she said, her thoughts had naturally turned to Canada.

"They need only those who are young and can give full time service in the British forces," she said.  
Only her graying hair belied the youthfulness of her brisk energy and bright brown eyes as we met at Byng House, residence of Col. Henry Willis O'Connor, where Lady Byng is staying. She said the memory of happy years spent at Rideau Hall, with Lord Byng, the brisk climate of the Dominion and her many Canadian friends had helped her decide to return to Canada for the duration of the war.

### Capt. Dave Legate Edits Paper For Soldiers

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 11.—Canadian troops manning English coastal defence posts have been visited by Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. Macdonald. He praised the men for stopping even at remote machine gun posts.  
Capt. Dave Legate, who worked in the editorial department of the Montreal Star before enlisting, is editing a newspaper for the men of his field ambulance units. A printed sheet, he called "The Medical Examiner." He also organized a concert party that stages shows throughout the 1st Division. The Captain is quartermaster of his unit now.

Leading 2nd Division officers strongly favor pipers going on route marches with battalions. It was a grim day for a Western Quebec Battalion when they marched 15 miles without them. "Sadder than any I have ever seen," said a soldier. "The army co-operation planes of the Royal Canadian Air Force were the only ones that checked the movements of Canadian infantry, to check visibility from the air. The records are valuable in correcting camouflage errors."  
A number of officers from regiments still in Canada are in camp in England obtaining valuable instruction pending arrival of their own regiments. Regimental loyalty runs high, and the officers are counting the days till their own men arrive.

A motorcycle accident nearly delayed the marriage to an English girl of an Indian officer of Toronto, former York County policeman. He injured his chin and forehead when he fell at a field ambulance unit until the eve of the wedding. But he complained of no pain, recovered rapidly and went to the altar on schedule.  
Pte. Harry Poole, of Vancouver, stuck dancing in the Indian army, but he wasn't nimble enough to dodge a bit of bomb shrapnel one day. He was caught, hit on the head and he was in the same place as McMillan for a while. The building where the field ambulance is located is an old English mansion. It even has a garden. Sgt. Cook Gordon Downie of Montreal, pumps out music for the lads.

### Meat stocks Show decline

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—(CP)—Estimated cold storage stocks of Canadian meat at Dec. 1 showed a decline of more than 600,000 pounds from stocks on the same date last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.  
Stocks amounted to 74,761,153 lbs. last Dec. 1, the report said, and the bureau added 619,000 lbs. as an estimate for stocks of firms failing to report on time. This brought total Canadian stocks Dec. 1 to 81,951,153 lbs. Last year's total figure was not given.

### How Plant Breeder Aids Crop Production

Research on crop production is one of the important phases of the work of the agricultural scientists of Canada. Many improvements upon nature, not only by careful management of the soil, but also through the selection of the seed or stock from which the crop is produced. Modern practices require that seed must be pure, free from diseases and insects, and of high vitality. Regulations regarding the grading and distribution of seed are based upon careful research work. Finally, the geneticist is called upon to draft into laws that are administered by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.  
More fundamental than the appearance and vitality of the seed, however, are the inherited factors carried in the germ of the seed. The natural law of the survival of the fittest produces hardy strains of plants whose main characteristics are their ability to survive, and not their usefulness to man. The plant breeder takes the most useful strains that have been developed by natural selection, and by artificial selection he improves the yield and quality of the crop. The breeder searches for the best characteristics of the world for suitable hardy varieties to form the basis of improved varieties; the geneticist, the scientist who deals with the heredity, and variation of the plants, and the cytologist (genetic expert in the cell structure, functions, multiplication, and life history) study the factors of inheritance that may be transmitted by which the plant can be improved with existing domesticated strains to produce improved varieties. The great diversity of life in nature makes it necessary to have many varieties capable of producing satisfactory crops under varying conditions of soil, temperature, light and moisture. A variety that may prove highly desirable in one area may be quite unsuitable in another.

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### Jeremiah J. Murphy In Memoriam

THE death occurred at Nine Mile Creek on Friday, October 25th of Jeremiah J. Murphy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of South Shore.  
Jerrie as he was familiarly known to his neighbours and numerous friends was a highly esteemed resident of Nine Mile Creek for many years, where his kindly disposition and hospitality made him loved and respected by all who knew him.  
He was first married to Martha McLisac of China Point who predeceased him twenty six years ago. Later he married Mrs. Laura Coady Wash of Vernon River, who together with her two children, Alice, Mrs. Wm. D. Sherry of Fernwood and Joseph at home, are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father. Besides he leaves two sisters Mrs. Wm. Mullins of Charlottetown and Mrs. Mary McLisac of Fairview; also two brothers Atholius of Boston, Mass., and Joseph of South Shore.  
During his illness, Mr. Murphy was visited by Rev. Father Lotius and Rev. Father McKenna, C.S.S.R. who frequently administered to him the Blessed Sacrament. He died comforted by the last rites of the Holy Catholic Church of which he was ever a devoted member.  
The funeral which was exceptionally large was held Monday, October 28th from his home to St. Martin's Church, South Shore, where High Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. Father Lotius, C.S.S.R. who also conducted the service at the grave.  
The pall bearers were: Messrs. Daniel Smith, Garnet Campbell, Wellington Murphy, Michael Murphy, Wesley McDougall and Charles McDonald.  
Numerous Mass Cards and Messages of Sympathy were received by the family from friends both here and in U. S. A.

### Lily of The Valley For Indoor Beauty

The fragrant Lily of the Valley is a beautiful flower for home decoration and is not difficult to grow indoors. Specially prepared crowns known as "retarded crowns," and usually sold in bundles of about 25, are required. Not more than 10 or 12 crowns should be planted in 5-inch or 6-inch pots.  
The Lily of the Valley grows best in a light porous compost of turf, leaf mould and sand. Sift the soil and use the rougher parts for drainage after planting a large crock over the drainage hole of each pot. It is important that the roots should be set full length in the pots. Work the soil between the roots making it moderately firm. The crowns should be just above soil level when planted.  
Water well with a rosette can and place the pots in the coolest place in the basement, covering with inverted pots, being careful to pause the drainage hole to exclude all light.

Leave the pots in this position until the crowns begin to burst. When the first batch may be taken up into the light and warmth of the living room. A succession of flowering can be obtained by bringing the pots into warmth and light at various intervals.  
When the plants have first been brought up from the basement they still will need protection from bright light until the shoots are four or five inches high. The plants should be introduced gradually to the full light and it is important there should be no serious drop in temperature. A temperature of 70 to 75 degrees is ideal at this stage of growth.  
The plants should not be allowed to become dry at any stage of growth, and the amount of water can be increased as the plants grow. The best method is to syringe or sprinkle them daily, but sufficiently to damp the growth, without the water running down the stems. Cold water should never be used.

### When Spuds Are Spuds

IT seems that one day last month the grocery stores at Yellowknife, wove up north, ran out of potatoes simultaneously, we learn from the Canadian Airways "Honker." Not a Murphy was to be had in town, which was a serious thing, you'll understand.  
A Mr. Hardham, a go-getter business man, scratched his head for a while then suddenly remembered there was a Canadian Airways plane just about to leave for Fort Smith and return.  
Hardham called Ken Russell, the airline agent, and asked him to send a note to Fort Smith asking for a dollar's worth of potatoes to be put on the return trip.  
Russell jotted down "Please shoot back's worth spuds to Hardham," handed the note to the pilot and returned.

### Catching Idlers

In identifying the idlers in the flock poultry raisers find trapping the most effective and the only accurate means of checking the performance of layers. Use of this method puts the condemning mark on every non-producer with a complete record to back it up.  
Trap nests are, of course, a little more bother to construct than the ordinary type of nest, since they require some sort of trap door which will close automatically after the hen has entered the nest, and they are more work to tend because records must be kept of the results. Nests also have to be visited more often so that the birds will not be kept in confinement too long once they have laid.  
In spite of its drawback, trapping is the only means of a perfect check in production and is worth the trouble if such a check is desired. By banding birds with numbered bands and keeping a history of the whole flock can be obtained, through the use of trap nests, or separate histories may be obtained of individuals. Records of this sort can be of great value in culling or in determining the breeding quality of birds to be used as breeders.

The construction of trap-nests is not difficult, though they require a few more parts than the ordinary type. The most generally approved type is that in which the door is pivoted at each side, above and some three inches behind its centre. By locating these pivots in the proper position the door will remain open when it is lifted up and back in a horizontal position with its lower edge against the top of the nest. When the hen enters her back brushes against the door and disturbs it so that it drops down to close the opening and prevent further entrance for the birds, since these closed nests can become very warm in summer.

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