

Beef.—The contract for the calendar year 1947 covers 120,000,000 lb. of carcass beef at a price of \$21 10 per 100 lb., frozen weight, medium quality steer carcasses bone-in-basis, f.o.b. Canadian seaboard. The beef contract was extended to cover the year 1948. The United Kingdom offered to take up to 120,000,000 lb. during that year.

Other Meats.—Contracts with respect to lamb, mutton, offals and other meat products are being extended to 1947.

Cheese.—Current contracts for the export of cheese to the United Kingdom extend to Mar. 31, 1948. Quantities contracted for cover 125,000,000 lb. for each of the two years ending Mar. 31, 1947, and Mar. 31, 1948, the price being 20 cents per lb., first grade, f.o.b. factory shipping point for the year ended Mar. 31, 1947, and 25 cents per lb. for the contract year ending Mar. 31, 1948. The British Government has under discussion a further agreement to purchase 125,000,000 lb. of cheese in the year ending Mar. 31, 1949, at a price to be determined later.

Evaporated Milk.—Current contracts for shipments of evaporated milk to the United Kingdom also extend to Mar. 31, 1948. In each of the years ending Mar. 31, 1947, and Mar. 31, 1948, Canada is under contract to ship 600,000 48-lb. cases of British standard evaporated whole milk at a price of \$4.95 per case, f.o.b. ship or R.R. car Montreal, Vancouver, or New Westminster.

Eggs.—A contract covering the years ending Jan. 31, 1948, and Jan. 31, 1949, calls for the shipment of 7,500 long tons of sugar-dried egg powder and 1,750,000 cases of shell eggs in each of these years.

Wheat.—Canada has entered into a contract covering a period of four years, commencing Aug. 1, 1946, for the delivery of specific quantities of wheat to the United Kingdom. Quantities covered by the contract are 160,000,000 bu. for each of the first two years, 1946-47 and 1947-48, and 140,000,000 bu. for each of the last two years of the agreement. Within the total quantities, provision is made for minimum amounts of flour to be included. The price, basis No. 1 Northern in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Vancouver and Churchill, is \$1.55 per bushel during each of the first two years; prices for each of the third and fourth years are to be negotiated, but in any event will not be less than \$1.25 per bushel for the 1948-49 crop year, and \$1 per bushel for the crop year 1949-50. The contract is subject to modification to conform with any international arrangement entered into subsequently and to which both Governments are party.

The Agricultural Products Act.—To enable the Dominion Government to fulfil its obligations under the food agreements and also to export food supplies to distressed countries, Parliament, in the spring of 1947, passed the Agricultural Products Act (Bill 25). Under this Act, the Minister of Agriculture may sell or export agricultural products and establish commodity boards vested with the necessary regulatory powers. The Act comes into force immediately at the expiration of the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945, and is to expire on Dec. 31, 1947, or such other date as may be fixed by Parliament.

Section 1.—Government in Relation to Agriculture

It is provided in Sect. 95 of the British North America Act that "in each province the legislature may make laws in relation to agriculture in the province"; it is also declared "that the Parliament of Canada may from time to time make laws in relation to agriculture in all or any of the provinces; and any law of the legislature