

WIDER EMBARGO ON VEGETABLES

"Canned Goods" Order in Council is Received by Toronto Grocers

Perusal of the recent order in Council, passed at the request of the Food Controller, prohibiting the consumption of "canned vegetables" until October 15, in this part of Canada, is found to apply to several other vegetables, used to a less extent, however, than those first mentioned by Hon. Mr. Hanna.

The order sets out that it is desired that more green groceries should be consumed, instead of being allowed to go to waste, and continues:

Canned Vegetables.

"(1) On and after the 24th day of August, 1917, and until further notice, except as hereinafter provided, the sale and purchase of peas, beans, tomatoes, beets, celery, corn, spinach, rhubarb and pumpkins, preserved in cans, glass jars or any other container, commonly known as "canned vegetables," is prohibited.

"(2) The above regulations shall not apply:

"(a) When such vegetables are sold by the manufacturer to the wholesaler, the jobber, or retailer; or by the wholesaler or jobber to the retailer; or

"(b) When such vegetables are to be consumed in lumber camps, mining camps, construction camps, and dining cars, provided that they will be consumed inside of the lumber camps, construction camps and dining cars, and not resold.

"(c) When such vegetables form a part of the contents of a can, glass jar, bottle or other container, and are sold as soups, catsups or pickles.

"(3) It is provided, however, that

the Food Controller for Canada may issue licenses permitting the sale and consumption of 'canned vegetables' in such cases as he deems necessary or exceptional."

Can go to Cellar.

The order, it is found, does not contain any clause that would prevent householders using any canned goods which they may have in their cellars. Clause "C" permits of some elasticity, so that the act may not work out as a real hardship, as there are cases of internment camps, for example, that may require canned goods, and it is impossible for them to secure the garden produce. Again, there may be districts in the northern parts of the Province where vegetables are not grown nearby, or where summer camps are located many miles from gardens.

Wholesalers have been swamped with telephone inquiries since the issuing of the order, as many of their customers were not sure whether they could sell canned fruits, and such like. Now that the order has been received in the city, no further trouble is anticipated.