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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:

The Undersigned has the honour to report that:

The crop situation over Southern Manitoba, in Southern and South-western Saskatchewan and in Southern and part of Central Alberta is exceedingly critical owing to continued dry weather.

A very serious situation has arisen on this account insofar as feed for live stock is concerned, particularly in regard to their requirements next winter. The situation strongly indicates that action should be taken to conserve forage and feed of all kinds that our farmers may not be forced to selltheir breeding stock so essential to the keeping up of the supply of meat and dairy products needed by Great Britain and the other allies now and in the near future.

It is further important that our breeding stock
be kept up to, and if possible increased over, what it is
at present, if we are to do our part in the rehabilitation
of the stock breeding industries in Europe once the war is
over. That Canada will be called upon to do much in this
line is evident already from the fact that delegations from
at least one of the war-stricken countries are now touring
Canada with this end in view.

The Undersigned has the honour to recommend,
therefore, that the following regulations be enacted and
made under the provisions of The War Measures Act, 1914:

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REGULATIONS.

- 1. No stack of straw remaining from the crops of last year or the product of the crops of the present year, situate in either of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, shall be burned or otherwise destroyed without the written permission of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Province in which such straw is situate.
- (2) Any person violating the provisions of this regulation shall be liable, on summary conviction, under the provisions of Part XV of the Criminal Code, to a fine of not less than ten dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding thirty days or to both fine and imprisonment.

 2. The Order in Council of the twelfth day of July, 1918, P.C.1713, is hereby rescinded and repealed.

The whole respectfully submitted.

Minister of Agriculture.

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Department of Agriculture, Ottawa August 2nd, 1918.