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WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Army Sport Control Board announce that a sum of £8090 is being distributed forthwith to the newly formed Army Training Centres, to assist Commanding Officers in the provision of sports and athletic equipment.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ANNOUNCEMENT

FORECASTS OF RATIONS.

Any Statements appearing in the public press giving forecasts of the amount of rations are entirely unauthorised and of no value. No official statement has yet been issued to the press and none is yet available; adequate public notice of the date of the introduction of rationing with full particulars will be given.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ANNOUNCEMENT

Food Control Committees (Local Distribution) Order, 1939

An Order has been made by the Ministry of Food requiring every retailer of foodstuffs to be licensed by the Food Control Committee of the Area in which his premises or business is situated. The Order will become effective on 9th October. Any retailer of foodstuffs who has not already received a form of application for licence should apply for such form to the local Food Office for the area or areas in which he trades. If he does not know the address of the local Food Office, he can obtain it from the local Council offices.

EMPIRE ANNOUNCEMENT

Un-employment in Ulster lowest for nearly 10 years

The estimated number of people in employment in Northern Ireland on 11th September 1939 was 248,250, an increase of 22,750 compared with a year ago, although 750 fewer than on the 11th August 1939. The small temporary decrease is mainly of a normal seasonal character owing to the end of the holiday season and slackening of some types of outdoor work.

The number of unemployed on the 11th September 1939 was 64,622, showing an increase of 1,509 on 11th August of this year, but a decrease of 17,335 since September of last year. The number of persons on the registers of the Belfast Employment Exchanges was 31,208, the lowest figure for over 9½ years.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCEMENT

Demands on the Building Industry

In view of the heavy demands that are being made upon the building industry by the programmes of various Government Departments, the Prime Minister has invited Sir Connop Guthrie, Bart., K.B.E. to undertake a continuous review of the whole position, including civil and industrial needs, for the information of the Government. Sir Connop Guthrie has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation and for this purpose his address will be the Board of Trade, Great George Street S.W.1.

It is not proposed that any change shall be made in the activities and responsibilities of existing bodies such as the Joint Consultative Committee on the Building Programmes of Government Departments and other Committees at present concerned with various aspects of the building problem.