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VOLUNTARY FOOD CONTROL.

The Chairman of the National War Savings Committee wrote asking for the co-operation of local authorities in a campaign to be undertaken with the object of reducing the consumption of food throughout the country.

The Chairman asked if the ladies were not moving in the matter.

Mr Wheeler said that although there was a necessity for rationing he thought the best way would be by voluntary rather than compulsory steps. Many families among the working classes were going short of food and he did not think there was need for anything to be done in that direction. If anything was done with the better class of people they could choose whatever way they liked best.

Mr Potter remarked that he did not think it was wanted in Horsham.

Mr Wheeler said there might be a few "food hogs" who had a little money and were hoarding up, but perhaps they would presently be visited by the police.

On the proposition of Mr Potter, seconded by Mr Theobald, the matter was referred to the Chairman, to form a Committee or to take any steps which he might feel necessary.

THE CULTIVATION OF LAND.

A circular was received from the Board of Agriculture in regard to securing the full cultivation of available land, and suggesting the organisation by Local Food Production Committees of arrangements with owners for the cultivation of gardens attached to empty houses, which were excepted from compulsory acquisition under the Board's orders.

Mr Wheeler said that though further land had been secured there were quite a score of applicants still waiting (hear, hear).

Mr Potter said Mr King was going to let the Committee know as soon as possible about the field in regard to which they interviewed him.

The circular was referred to the Allotment Committee.