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## MILLIONS DYING OF STARVATION

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### MR. THOMSON URGES CULTIVA- TION OF LAND BY CON- TRACTORS' IDLE EQUIP- MENT.

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(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Montreal, Sept. 29. — That 4,750,-000 have died of starvation in Europe since the war began, and that even more will die in Russia during the coming winter, were the startling statements of Henry B. Thomson, Food Controller for Canada, at the formal opening yesterday afternoon of the Rockland group of the Montreal Island Cultivation Association. He hoped that the Rockland group would be the first gun in a campaign for cultivating with contractors' idle equipment at least 2,000 acres near each of 200 towns and cities in Canada. This would mean the production of nine million dollars' worth of grain in addition to what the farmers were producing.

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## FIVE DEATHS OCCUR AT SYDNEY FROM "FLU"

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(Canadian Press Despatches.)

Sydney, N.S., Sept. 29.—Five deaths have resulted here and in North Sydney during the week-end from Spanish influenza, those dying being the two children of D. D. Macdonald, North Sydney; Ivan O. Hart of Sydney; Seaman John Crilly, an American sailor attached to the aviation corps in North Sydney, and Corp. James T. Smith, an American soldier. The body of Seaman Crilly is being shipped to the home of his parents in Washington, D.C. Washington has been wired for instructions on the disposal of Corp. Smith's body.

It is possible that the schools, theatres and churches will be closed here, as there are many serious cases of the malady.

During the epidemic in New Wat-rford it is said that there were 1,-000 cases, and that one doctor attended to 500. The situation there is now well in hand.

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