

CANADA TO HAVE HANDLELESS CUPS TILL AFTER WAR

Can Treble Output by This
Economy, Price Board
Says

FOLLOW CHINA LEAD

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(CP)—The war-time prices and trade board today lopped handles from cups and thereby presented Canadians with a problem in etiquette.

An order issued by L. E. Messinger, co-ordinator of sundry items, specified that all potteries must make utility pottery ware—undecorated, simplified in style and with handleless cups in the semi-porcelain varieties.

The board had a couple of answers to the etiquette problem—one of which was to disregard it. "Presumably," it remarked, "etiquette might be waived in favor of the saucer, in emergency." The other answer was that if a cup was too hot to hold in the hand, the beverage was often too hot to drink.

"The mortality of cups," Mr. Messinger said, "is said to be four or five times that of any other piece of dinnerware. If people take greater care in handling them we might return, before long, to production of cups with handles.

"Meantime, 9,000,000 cups without handles can be turned out by the same plant capacity which produces 3,000,000 with handles.

There was historical warrant, the board said, for the handleless teacup. "The Chinese, oldest tea drinkers in the world, have never had handles on their cups. Russians drink their tea from tumblers. In France during the last war there were no handles on cups, and in England now they are being made that way."

There are 40 permitted items of semi-porcelain ware, including one size of cup (eight ounces), six-inch saucer, seven-inch tea plates and 10-inch dinner plates. There are two sizes of platters, three of milk pitchers and three of teapots, largest of the latter being 10-cup size, the property of the owner.

The order also forbids, except with permission of the co-ordinator, the printing, stamping or embossing on pottery of the crest or name of the person by whom it is to be used, or any mark identifying it as

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