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## *Soil Conservation*

A year ago the *Quarterly* published an article on the floods of Western Canada. From it we quote: "... the enormous waste of soil brought about in fertile areas by the floods, was of far graver concern, affecting our nation far and wide . . . ."

Today one of Canada's greatest problems is that of instituting an adequate program of education to bring home to our urban population the serious consequences evolving from improper land conservation. And this is a problem that concerns all of us for it is one of national economy. This is borne out by the fact that in the ten years between 1939-48 the Dominion Government gave \$63,000,000 to farmers in Western Canada who were impoverished through lack of crops.

The question naturally arises whether this problem should be one for the individual. In general it may be said that a soil conservation scheme and the practices involved in its execution are too far-reaching for the farmer alone to handle. Every contingency important to modern agricultural improvement arises, and these should be woven into a national effort.

The absence in Canada of a scheme of this type