

Canadian people can render to the Empire at the present is to increase our supply of food for the British people. This is at once our duty and our opportunity."

The Toronto Daily Globe said editorially: "We have had enough exploitations, mergers, promotions, and real estate speculation. We must now get to work and justify the vast expenditures undertaken to open the country and provide machinery for production and distribution. Every economist of note who has written on our financial problems during the past year has given us the sound advice, 'Get to work, produce things the world needs: grain, cattle, lumber, paper, fish, metals and minerals.'"

In 1911 our rural population was 3,925,679 and our urban population 3,289,965. During the preceding ten years, while the rural population only increased 516,163, the population in our towns and cities increased 1,250,165 and while the annual production of our farms, mines, fisheries and forests totals \$1,055,000,000, the product of our factories in 1913 is said to amount to \$1,500,000,000.

In 1900 we had 17,657 miles of railway and in 1913 we had 29,304 miles, representing an investment of over \$1,500,000,000, of which nearly fifty per cent. lies west of the City of Port Arthur. There are millions of acres of good arable lands in proximity to the lines of railway and it is imperative that Canada should give every possible assistance to secure the development of our extensive agricultural and mineral resources to furnish remunerative traffic for our railways and an increased home market for our extensive industries.

OPPORTUNE TIME TO SECURE SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST FARMERS

We all admire the noble men and women of the Kingdom of Belgium and the brave defence made by them against the ruthless aggressor. The Belgian authorities have suggested that the fertile lands of Canada would furnish a good opportunity for the Belgian farmers to homestead, as in many cases their farms are ruined. The Belgian farmer has for many generations followed intensive farming and is one of the best farmers in the world, and with a little assistance could soon make an excellent living in Northern Ontario, and also help the fatherless Belgian families to make a living on farms in their community.

The Dominion Government should lent \$50,000,000 to the various township municipalities throughout Canada on their municipal