



At no time in the history of Canada, and perhaps at no time in the history of the civilized world, has there arisen such a momentous need of instant and insistent action toward the mobilization of the forces of Agriculture.

With a phenomenal world shortage of food stuffs, colossal destruction of cargoes on the high seas, the more or less permanent devastation of large areas of arable land in Europe, diminishing farm labor supply and the consequent stupendous cost of agricultural products—there is no question that claims such serious and unselfish consideration.

The need of the hour is to see that every possible assistance is given to the great army of men and women who are toiling with plow and harrow, for from their efforts may be forged the weapon of victory; and when the time arrives for economic reconstruction—the assimilation of the returning armies and in all probability of an unprecedented flow of immigration—this country will find the principal solution of these great problems in the better organizing of the industry of agriculture.

