

## CALL FOR HELP TO SAVE THE HARVEST ALL IS NEEDED: LET NONE BE LOST.

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At the commencement of harvesting operations throughout Canada, I desire to urge upon those residents in town and cities who have had experience in farm work that they freely offer their services to assist in successfully saving and housing the crops of all kinds.

Large areas in Western Canada have suffered very severely. Our grain crop there will, unfortunately, fall below that we had hoped for. However, Eastern Canada, on the whole, promises to reap a very excellent crop, and labour must be forthcoming to take this off.

In the recent registration of the man-and-woman-power of Canada almost 200,000 men of various ages, who registered in Eastern Canada, and who have been raised on farms or had worked on farms expressed their willingness to assist in doing farm work when necessary. To those I direct this appeal especially. With this number willing to help, no difficulty should be experienced in saving every bit of crop.

Sometimes it is difficult to connect up the man who is willing to work with the man who is willing to engage him. Those

in towns and cities who have expressed their willingness to assist in this important work, in this time of national need, can very greatly help by making the fact known locally that they are available. They should stick to it, even if the work prove a little bit hard and discouraging. They should look upon it as their contribution to the national effort at the present time, for such it certainly is.

In the last few months many thousands of men have been called from the farms in Canada, to ensure that the Canadian troops at the front would be kept reinforced to full strength. This has meant not only loss in the material sense but the heartbreak of parting with the son or the brother, who has gone along with millions of other brave men to help preserve the liberty of the world.

Any one to-day who saves a penny, or who lends a hand to help in anyway, is taking a part and helping in the common struggle. It is the plain duty of every one who can render any assistance in our harvesting operations to give that assistance and to give it willingly and cheerfully.

### MANITOBA CALLS FOR HELP.

Province has 4,000 Men Available for Harvest but Needs 5,000 More.

The following report for Manitoba has been received from the Winnipeg office of the Canada Food Board:

"Rains have caused an increased demand for farm help which, up to the present, has been fairly met. Harvesting is now general. It is estimated that 9,000 additional men will be required to help farmers to bring in the crops, of which number one-third will be procured within the province through regular channels. These will be supplemented by Harvest Clubs of seventy towns and cities, with a present enrollment of 3,000, and by some 300 boy scouts. The local supply of available farm help is estimated to be equivalent to 4,000 men, leaving 5,000 still required from outside the province."

A good citizen is known by the food he eats.

### "CITIZEN STOOKING GANGS."

How Storemen of Portage la Prairie Help to Harvest the Crops.

Arrangements have been made to provide city help again this year for the farmers around Portage la Prairie. The scheme was put in operation last year but is now being extended. From 700 to 1,000 acres of grain were stooked in 1917 by the city labour organized under the plan.

All the stores in the city closed at 4 p.m. during August and arrangements were made for men who were willing to do so to be ready at 5 o'clock to leave for the harvest fields. Allowing half an hour for the trip from the city, three hours of daylight still remained. From 250 to 300 men went out every evening and more will go this year. Payment a year ago was made by the farmers at the rate of 30 cents per hour. Farmers requiring the assistance of these "citizen stooking gangs" make application to the municipal employment office.