

# WHAT QUEBEC IS DOING.

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In our campaign for increased production this year in the Province of Quebec, we are placing special emphasis on the necessity of increasing the production of hogs, wheat, beans and peas.

Our first step was to organize an educational campaign. For lecture purposes the Province was divided into twenty-five districts. In each of these districts, we placed two lecturers, one an experienced agriculturist attached to the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the other a practical farmer. These men were made responsible for visiting every parish in their respective districts, and at the present time nine-tenths of the parishes, both French and English, have been covered in this way. The staff of Macdonald College have helped in our campaign in certain constituencies and have given much information to the agronomists of these districts.

## Circular Letters to Mayors, etc.

We are supplementing this series of lectures by publicity in the Journal d'Agriculture and other newspaper, and also by circulars addressed to the parish priests, mayors, postmasters, bank managers, railway station agents, and others. The first circular letter addressed to the parish priests was read in the churches. The letter to the mayors is being sent out and the others will be issued from month to month in order to maintain the interest of the public.

Up to the present time we have purchased 540 choice sows, which will be distributed in the Spring. We are making arrangements with the abattoirs for the purchase of an additional number. The Department has bought several car-loads of shorts which will be sold to the farmers. We are also planning to buy corn as soon as supplies are available.

We are awaiting the decision of the banks upon the question of exhibition of hogs. At these exhibitions entries will be received from young people, the object being to organize our own hog contests. We are counting upon an increase of 20 per cent in the number of hogs this year over normal production if the Province can obtain a sufficient quantity of feed.

## To Treble Wheat Production.

The Federal Department of Agriculture has assured us that the province of Quebec

will receive the necessary seed wheat to cultivate 700,000 acres and to produce 12,000,000 bushels of wheat, which would be enough to provide for the consumption in this province. As this wheat is sold only in car-load lots, we have made arrangements with the more important co-operative societies to provide seed wheat in small quantities in localities where the farmers are not able to buy a whole car load. The Agronomists' and Agricultural Societies, and agricultural circles are taking orders at the present time. We have good hopes of being able to treble our normal production of wheat this year.

We have taken the necessary steps to ensure to the farmers seed peas and beans to meet all their requirements. We are confident that the production of these two products will be double the normal crops.

## QUEBEC PLEDGE CAMPAIGN.

**Splendid Meetings Have Been Held and Card Canvass is Going Well.**

The pledge card campaign in Quebec is going well. Splendid meetings have been held under the auspices of Chief Justice Lemieux, Hon. Mr. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Mr. Chapais, a member of the Legislative Council. The first housewife in Quebec to sign the card was the Mayoress, Mrs. Lavigueur, and the second was the President of the Housewives' League, Mrs. Tanguay.

## HOG PRODUCTION CLUBS.

Mr. Russell T. Kelley, President of the Hamilton Board of Trade, and the man who was chiefly responsible for the organization of the Hamilton Hog Production Club, in a report to the Canada Food Board, states that so far eight similar hog production clubs have been organized in Ontario with a total membership in excess of 300. Such clubs are now at work in Waterloo, Kitchener, Galt, Brantford, Welland, Dunnville, and two in Hamilton. About 73 brood sows have been purchased. Taking the Government average of eight to a litter this should mean 584 little pigs in the spring, as a direct result of the work of this organization.