

"the patriotic farmer's first duty," and so on, being far too ridiculous for Mr. Burrell's sense of propriety, he stopped issuing his war-books. Forty-five thousand farmers, moreover, had already been taken from the farms, and the possibility of getting other help had been ended by the conscription bill.

THE QUESTION.—The great question, then, for Canada is, whether she will persist in doing that which is absolutely unnecessary, or will make favorable reply to the calls which come to her for food; *for more food*; **FOR STILL MORE FOOD.** In view of the indisputable fact that the question as to troops from the United States is not, "**How many troops can be raised?**" but, "**How many of them can be transported?**" I repeat the question of my former pamphlet.

"CAN ANYBODY SUGGEST ANY REASON (OTHER THAN A SENTIMENTAL ONE) WHY CANADA SHOULD COMPETE WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR PLACES IN THE TRANSPORT SHIPS, RATHER THAN EMPLOY HER MEN IN FOOD PRODUCTION?"

HOGS.—In an official account of a meeting called by Mr. Crerar (26 October last) is the following reference to a speech by Mr. Hanna:

"He referred to REPRESENTATIONS THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM FRANCE AND OTHER BELLIGERENT NATIONS RELATING TO THE URGENCY OF THEIR NEEDS, and said that it was known that the swine-herds of Europe had been decreased since the war commenced by 32,425,000 head. Even if the Allies were to kill the greater proportion of their hogs they could not meet their own demands. Even in the United States the production could not be much more than would meet the requirements of the home market" (a).

Couple that with the following in Pamphlet No. 21 of the Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch:

"We are in danger of snatching at the ant hill and missing the mountain. We have taken advantage of the good prices that have ruled since the advent of the war—and rightly so. BUT WE HAVE MADE NO DEFINITE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE. UNLESS SOME DETERMINED POLICY OF EXPANSION IS ACTED UPON AT THIS OPPORTUNE TIME, our swine industry, which has already dwindled to dangerous proportions, may degenerate into NOTHING BETTER THAN A LOCAL TRADE. IT IS TIME TO PULL UP; UNCONSCIOUSLY WE HAVE BEEN SLIPPING DOWN HILL AT A TREMENDOUS RATE" (b).

(a) *The Agricultural Gazette of Canada*, November, 1917, P. 9555.

(b) P. 2.