

mentally and morally alive, and that she must prepare herself for active duty wherever her service is most needed, regardless of difficulties, or unpopularity of task, or dangers, and with the full understanding that her part must be performed in co-operation with those upon whom the responsibility of our war-activities devolves.

The foursquare woman is a volunteer. No able-bodied woman has a right to occupy space in our land who is not doing, or preparing to do, some active service for the right to occupy the space she fills. Are you a foursquare woman? Then register for your place in the ranks of the army at home. There is no lack of opportunity for those with a will to serve, and the foursquare woman will find it.—Anna Howard Shaw.

The Woman County Agent

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A district representative can make herself the friend of "the shut-ins" among our farm women. She can do much towards engendering hope and ambition in the woman who has all but given up. A woman county agent is able to utilize the services of the specialist at the provincial agricultural colleges since she is acquainted with the extension service and with the needs of the women in her county. A woman district representative can help organize a home economics extension service. She can bring the woman who has gardening problems in touch with the college horticultural department; the woman who is interested in poultry raising or meat curing with the animal husbandry department; the woman who is anxious to make cheese for the market with the dairy department. Women district representative work will undoubtedly constitute one of the main phases of extension work with farm women in the future.

Agricultural colleges, experimental farms and research stations over all America have been doing a vast amount of investigation work. This is being made available through bulletins and meetings but chiefly through the agricultural press. The colleges have taught the fundamentals of agriculture and the most recent scientific findings to their students. It is safe to say that these various institutions have published and spread broadcast enough specific information to greatly multiply our agricultural productions, (all other factors being equal) if it were put into practice. But the fact remains that even in the most enlightened communities a vast number of farmers have always remained uninformed on the most fundamental matters. Investigations carried on in the United States have shown that under ordinary conditions a larger percentage of farmers receive their greatest direct assistance in an educational way from the agricultural press than from any other agency. But there always remains an even larger number from 40 to 50 per cent. of the total who fail to make any direct use of the facilities for better training that were available to them. By such facilities I mean the agricultural colleges, experimental farms, farmers' institutes, or the agricultural press. To reach these, to solve the problem of "the indifferent farmer" and to encourage the agricultural training of the boys and girls on the farm has become the prime reason for the institution of the agricultural representative system.

Their War Work

Since the war began the services of the county agents have been greatly enlarged in the United States, the authorities recognizing that these agents are a most powerful factor in increased food production. At the same time as the Food Control Act which so aroused national interest in United States was passed, the Food Production Act of perhaps almost equal importance was also passed. By this act over \$11,000,000 was placed at the disposal of the secretary of agriculture, purely as a special emergency fund to speed up crop production. One of the principal means of doing this will be by a great extension of the district representative. A somewhat similar service is being extended to women in cities through

women district representatives.

These county agents are not superimposed on a county. The movement has the sanction of the federal and state authorities and both these fed-

eral and state governments pay a large part of the salary to the district representative. But another step is necessary. In order that a woman agent be put into a county it is necessary that

the farm women of the county ask for her. After this is done and a certain amount of formality gone through a representative's office is established in the district.



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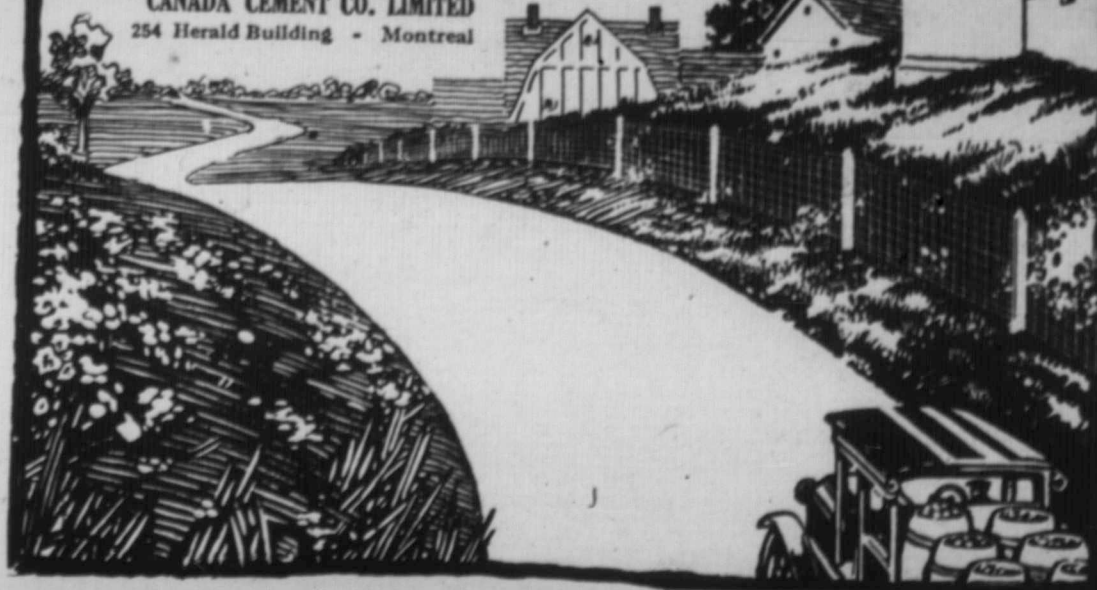
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