

and transmit to the proper authorities in Australia and New Zealand a statement showing exactly why Canada wool is shipped to the United States, namely, not merely for sale, thereby raising the price to Canadian consumers, but owing to the fact that there is no means of profitably utilizing 15 per cent. of it in Canada.

Another resolution expressed the warm appreciation of the delegates for the very efficient service rendered by the Dominion Government Live Stock Branch, with the cooperation of the agricultural departments of the provinces, during the past two years in assisting the various associations in grading and marketing the wool, and asked respectfully for continuation of the same service for the present year and until the new co-operative organization is in a position to carry on the work so auspiciously begun.

It was decided that a commission of three be recommended to the government to be recognized as the wool growers' commission, the commission to be composed of the president of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Limited, and one representative each from the east and the west, the board of directors to make the selection of the eastern and western representatives.

Committee Meet Ministers.

On Tuesday of last week the committee appointed by the new company waited upon the Hon. Mr. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture. Col. McEwen stated the objects of the new company and filed with the Minister a copy of the by-laws and a petition for the incorporation of the company. Hon. Mr. Crerar commended the formation of such a co-operative company, and encouraged the new officers in the task which they have undertaken.

The resolution asking for a similar grading service to that supplied last year by the Dominion Government was presented to the Minister. Mr. Crerar promised that this wool-grading service would be continued by the government until the new company is in a position to take over this work themselves.

In reply to the offer of the 1918 wool clip which was tendered the government through Hon. Mr. Crerar, the Minister thanked the company on behalf of the government, and stated that he would see that this offer was immediately transmitted to Premier Borden.

Agricultural Relief for the Allies

Editor Farm and Dairy.—Our country, with its allies, is waging a great war for justice, for the protection of small nations in the enjoyment of their rights, for continued and growing freedom and for the maintenance of its pledged word of honor. Much destruction and desolation have been caused. The peasant farmers of Belgium, France, Serbia, Roumania and Italy, whose farms were in the immediate areas of battle, have lost everything and in some cases even the land itself.

A British Empire Fund is being raised by voluntary contributions to render first-aid in the restoration of agriculture on such farms in the devastated regions of France, Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and Italy. The object of the Fund is to help in reinstating the peasant farmers in the invaded countries of our Allies. This will be done by gifts of seed, livestock, implements, etc., to enable them to make a fresh start.

Provincial Governments Will Co-operate.

After a visit to all the Provinces of Canada I can report that they are in hearty sympathy with the proposal that Canadian farmers should participate in contributing to the relief of their brother farmers, on whom have fallen such terrible losses because their farms and homes were in the invaded districts. The Ministers of

Agriculture and the leaders of the agricultural organizations in the several Provinces have expressed themselves as entirely in sympathy with the effort to provide an opportunity in each Province through which the farmers may extend practical financial aid to their brother farmers who have suffered so greatly.

The general plan is for each Provincial Committee to invite the cooperation of existing organizations of farmers, such as Farmers' Institutes, Women's Institutes, Farm Clubs, the United Farmers, the Grain Growers' Associations, and similar bodies in all the provinces, to arrange for their officers, in each place, to become a local Committee to disseminate information, to receive contributions and to forward them to the Provincial Honorary Secretary-Treasurer for the Province.

The farmers are being invited to regard February as the Relief Month for Brother Farmers in the Devastated Regions. Local committees and individuals will arrange to receive donations on behalf of the Fund and remit the proceeds to their respective Provincial headquarters. Some of the newspapers and journals may arrange to receive and acknowledge contributions from their readers.

The Cause Touches Our Hearts.

The farmers of our Allies, in the

devastated regions have lost everything in the war. In some places the land itself is torn beyond any possible recovery into use for growing crops. Their houses and machinery have been destroyed. They have nothing left with which to begin farming again. We, on the other hand, have lost nothing as farmers through the war; but in some cases have made money because of the increase in prices. We ought to help our stricken brethren as soon as the enemy is pushed out of their countries. The object is humane and we are a humane people. They are our allies, our neighbors and our friends. We want to help them for the sake of the good name of Canada. It would be a good thing in our international relations, to have it known that our grain-growers gave something, a good thing to have it known that our livestock men gave something, that our poultrymen and fruit-growers have given something, and above all that our country women have remembered their sisters whose farm homes have to be re-established place among the nations, on behalf of our farmers, which will be in keeping with what our sons and brothers have done and won on the fields of battle.

For all these reasons may I suggest to your readers that we think kindly

of giving some aid to the Fund for these peasant farmers who have suffered.—J. A. M. Robertson, Chairman, Dominion Executive Committee.

Government Purchases Seed Wheat

STEPS have been taken by the Government to increase wheat-growing in Ontario. An initial purchase has been made of 50,000 bushels of No. 1 Marquis wheat, which will be sold to farmers in bags at \$2.75 a bushel. The seed will be handled through the market branch of the Department of Agriculture. Plans are now being made to secure warehouse space at several points throughout the Province which are served by two or three lines of railways.

Farmers who have their seed shipped from the distributing centres will have to pay the cost of the extra freight to their station from the distributing point. Toronto, Brantford, Lindsay, Woodstock and Chatham have so far been chosen as centres of distribution. Carload lots will be shipped direct to farmers' clubs when sufficient quantities of wheat are ordered, and this will save the payment of extra freight from the distributing point to their station.

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