

equipment and the soldier is placed on a partially cleared farm with a house and barn ready for occupation, and all facilities to make a good start in the new country.

The Department of Education has opened the way for those who wish to enter the teaching profession. Special courses and facilities are maintained to meet the need of the many hundreds who see in the future advance of education in Ontario an attractive professional career, while others who wish to continue their academic studies find special terms opened to them at the universities and high schools.

Under the Housing Scheme special advantages are extended to returned soldiers.

### **Food Conservation**

One of the most effective efforts put forward by any Government to deal with the food shortage during the war was that initiated in Ontario to induce the people to make greater use of fish. Pound for pound the consumption of fish would release beef, bacon and other meats for export; and at the same time enable householders to purchase edible food at prices that would mean a great saving.

When this service started in 1917 over 80 per cent. of the fish caught in Ontario waters was exported to markets outside the Province. The Government undertook to procure fish from Lakes Nipigon and Nipissing, and later reserved 20 per cent. of the catch of licensed fishermen. These fish were sold to over 200 municipalities at actual cost. This policy immediately popularized the eating of fish, and during the year the Government distributed over 4,000,000 pounds of fish—double the amount consumed before the war.

This system of distribution had a marked domestic benefit. It enabled the housewife to purchase fresh fish at from 5 to 10 cents a pound lower than before, and by reason of this competition the price of fish handled through other channels was reduced, while the quantity increased. It is estimated that the entire saving was not less than \$500,000 in twelve months.

### **Women Enfranchised**

The Franchise Act was amended in 1918, giving the legislative franchise to women on the same basis as men; women properly qualified, also may be candidates for municipal offices, and women are now entitled to be nominated to sit in the Legislative Assembly. In respect of soldiers, nurses and others who have served in the military or naval forces of Britain or her Allies, the age requirement has been removed.