

HOME GARDEN CAMPAIGN.

Enthusiastic Support is Being Given to the Movement.

The whole Dominion is being aroused to the necessity of increasing the food supply of the country by home and vacant lot gardening. Mr. Frederick Abraham who last year was at the head of the Montreal Vacant Lot and Home Garden Cultivation Committee, is giving his services to the Canada Food Board. It is estimated that not less than \$100,000 worth of vegetables was grown on vacant lots in Montreal last year. The Canada Food Board has written to the mayor of every municipality in Canada as well as the executive head of all existing garden associations, urging the furtherance of this work in co-operation with local societies, the Board of Trade, the clergy, the press, horticulturists, etc. A direct appeal is being made to all freemen and policemen either to cultivate lots individually or to work on the community basis.

Staple Vegetables Preferable.

It is desirable that the growth of staple vegetables such as potatoes, beets, carrots, peas, beans, lettuce, onions and parsnips should especially be encouraged. It is the intention of the Food Board, after this year's crop of fresh vegetables become available, to prohibit the consumption of canned vegetables in Eastern Canada to October 15th and in Western Canada to November 1st. Last year Victoria, B.C., stood fifth in production among the cities which put new acreage under cultivation. Recently a committee on increased production held its initial meeting in Victoria and laid plans for the coming season. The Chairman of the Canada Food Board pressed upon him the necessity of the case. On the fertile land within the City of Victoria, a Chinese community could sustain 150,000 to 200,000 people.

At a representative meeting of citizens in Regina a food production association was organized. An effort will be made to secure from the city a fifty-acre plot which was cultivated three years ago by the Vacant Lot Garden Association. The press is emphasizing the importance of the movement.

In East Toronto the workers have formed a committee. A public mass meeting will be held for the people of the district and a member of the Government will be asked to outline definite plans of production.

Toronto Granted \$3,000.

The Toronto Board of Control has made a grant of \$3,000 to the Rotary Club for

vacant lot cultivation. The intention is to cultivate 1,500 lots this year and it is estimated that the vegetables grown will be worth \$60,000 or \$75,000.

In Ottawa about 550 plot holders have expressed their intention to the Vacant Lot Association of continuing last year's work. At a meeting in the Normal School Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Abraham, of the Canada Food Board, gave addresses on the subject of increased production.

Some four or five hundred acres of vacant land in Belleville will be ploughed up and cultivated this year and a committee has been appointed.

In Hamilton some 550 letters have been sent out by the publicity committee of the Garden Club to the owners of over a thousand and vacant lots urging upon them to do their utmost this year. Arrangements are being made to secure the necessary fertilizer.

The Workmen's Board of Trade is working with the Chatham Horticultural Society to produce potatoes and other vegetables.

Belleville Horticultural Society is endeavoring to have lectures on vegetable growing in both public and high schools. The pupils in the schools of Windsor have been planning all winter, and the products of the children's plots alone should supply a large proportion of Windsor's vegetables for next winter.

St. Thomas is to have vegetable plots in the vicinity of its schools.

Montreal Plans Increase.

Montreal is planning to surpass last year's record. Strong district committees and clubs are working and at the annual meeting of the Cultivation Committee it was decided that where ploughing had been done last year, the individual cultivators should work the empty lots themselves this season. In cases where the lots had not been previously cultivated, ploughing will be carried out under the direction of the committee and the cost would be charged against the cultivators.

Dartmouth, N.S., is making a special effort to encourage the movement. A meeting of the Canadian Club was held there to initiate a campaign.

Schoolboys of Norwich, England, have undertaken to dig gardens belonging to soldiers' wives and widows.