

NEWS OF PROVINCIAL BODIES.

ALBERTA.

Dean E. A. Howes, Secretary of the Alberta Branch, summarizes the work to date thus: "Special sub-committees have been organized for the cities of Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. Other work in the interests of food conservation is being done by the United Farm Women and Women's Institutes. We have distributed 18,000 copies each of the pledge cards, canning bulletins, war meals, and a circular letter. No record is yet available as to the number of cards signed. Considerable correspondence has been maintained between women's organizations and this office. The action of the Food Controller in securing the passage of the Order in Council of November 2, prohibiting the use of grain or any substance which could be used for food for distillation of potable liquors, has given a new impetus to our work in Manitoba and we expect to make much faster progress from now on."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dean L. S. Klinck, Secretary of the British Columbia Branch, sends the following: "Our educational work as outlined in previous telegrams is progressing in both cities and rural districts of the Province. To date 28,000 pledge cards and 25,000 canning bulletins have been distributed. More than 4,000 signed pledge cards have been received at the offices of our Provincial organization. Mr. J. W. Gibson, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education has been appointed Provincial Organizer and steps have been taken in co-operation with the British Columbia Government to secure the appointment of food demonstrators to follow up the work of the Organizer."

MANITOBA.

Prof. J. B. Reynolds, Principal of the Manitoba Agricultural College, telegraphed the following report from Winnipeg: "The work of the Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Committees on Food Resources will be directed by two sub-committees, one for this City and one for the remainder of the Province. The Provincial Committee held a two-days conference with 25 women delegates from all parts of Manitoba and since then most of these delegates have been busily engaged in organization work. Forty eight hundred pledge cards have been sent out upon request for them, but no report can be made yet as to the number which have

been signed. In Brandon the work has been well organized by Miss Kelso. The Provincial Committee has lost the services of four of its members,—Mr. P. B. Tustin, who has been called to Ottawa by Mr. Hanna; and Messrs. G. W. Allen, R. C. Henders, and R. A. Rigg, who have resigned from the Committee in order to contest Federal constituencies in the coming election."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Dr. W. C. Kiestead, Secretary of the New Brunswick Branch, reports:

"Our Provincial Committee is co-operating with the Secretary of Agriculture, to stimulate increased production, but its main effort is being devoted to the campaign for food conservation. I have been engaged in organization and educational work and have given more than thirty addresses under the auspices of municipal authorities, clubs, women's institutes, patriotic organizations, churches, public schools and in motion picture theatres. We have advertised in the local newspapers where our meetings were being held and have secured good reports in nearly every case. Our work has been advertised also by means of motion picture slides, circular letters to clergymen, teachers and women's organizations, and by the use of dodgers, window cards and announcements from the pulpits. We have organized twenty local committees in the cities, towns and larger centres of the Province. In other places our work is being conducted by Women's Institutes, Daughters of the Empire, Red Cross Societies or Public Schools. Several of our local committees are doing excellent work in education and organization, in enlisting the services of clergymen, teachers—especially Domestic Science Teachers—women's clubs and motion picture theatres. Ten thousand pledge cards have already been signed and campaigns are well under way in several important centres in the Province. The work of advertising has been carried on with a minimum of expense."

ONTARIO.

In a report of the Pledge Card campaign, Mrs. Eleanor Gurnett, Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario, says that about 75,000 signed pledge cards have been returned from various parts of the Province.