

LOAFERS

Tramps, loafers, sports, and gentlemen of leisure who hang around poolrooms, picture shows, cabarets, railway stations, steamboat landings, street corners, and other places with nothing particular to do, and a reasonable amount of health and strength to do it with, please take notice. Loafing is now illegal. The recent Order-in-Council declares "all persons domiciled in Canada shall, in absence of reasonable grounds to the contrary, engage in useful occupations."

At this stage in the world's history, when every man available is necessary to the safety of the country, it seems a remarkable thing that there are any of the class above referred to left in Canada, but apparently there are. Poolrooms, cabarets, picture shows, report a thriving business. The hobo is still a frequent visitor on his aimless way back and forth. There are still sports at large with nothing to do but smoke cigarettes and go to ball games and places of amusement. Quite rightly, the Government has made it illegal for these persons to waste their time and their strength on cigarettes and gentle amuse-

ments; tango teas, and pinoche in the barn. They are now ordered to get to work, and if they do not work as free men, they will have to work as prisoners, and work at "hard labor."

In this connection it is interesting to compare the useful work performed by shoe-shiners, soda-fountain dispensers, theater ushers, ribbon salesmen and such useful citizens as compared with the tramps and the sport who lives on his wits. It is doubtful if there is much to really choose between these two classes, so far as economical results to Society are concerned. The man that cleans your boots might well be employed at hoeing potatoes, leaving his customer to spare five minutes of his valuable time to clean his own boots. The man who has so little manhood in him as to be content to spend his days selling baby-ribbon in a departmental store, would achieve an improved manhood driving a team on a farm, if he could be trusted to do so, or helping with the chores around a barn.

The new law, while not going so far as to displace men from non-essential or silly employments which

could better be filled by young girls, still makes it difficult for a man to really loaf. The age limit is from 16 to 60, during which a man is supposed to be capable of some kind of useful work, and if he is not so engaged, he must have certain reasonable excuses. First, he must be a bona fide student in training for some useful occupation,

or he must be some one who is out of a job temporarily owing to difficulties with his employer, common to similar difficulties with his fellow-employees and the same employer. Or he must be reasonably unable to find a job. Other excuses do not go.

Convictions for an offense under this new Anti-Loafing law before a

magistrate renders the offender liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100, and costs, and in default of the offender's ability to pay, he must go to prison for a period not exceeding six months in a common jail or any institution or any farm owned by a municipality or province established for such a purpose, and put in the time at hard labor. Where a con-

viction is obtained by a municipality, the municipal treasurer will receive the fine. Where proceedings are instituted by a provincial officer, the provincial treasurer shall receive the money. Where proceedings are instituted within a municipality by any other person, the fine is divided equally between the municipality and the province.

An Open Letter---

To the Reeve and Councillors of Athens

Have your citizens organized to increase food production?

If they have not yet done so, We, the Organization of Resources Committee, earnestly ask you to call them together in a Mass Meeting, and lay before them the necessity of immediate and vigorous efforts—the food situation is critical.

It may astonish you to learn that in 1917 Ontario did not grow enough wheat for its own needs. Consequently every Ontario farmer whose land is suitable, has been urged to sow 5 acres more spring wheat this year so that Ontario's demand for wheat shall not be met at the expense of that portion of the Western crop that should more rightfully be shipped overseas.

For this same reason every householder who has a garden or a piece of vacant land is being urged to grow vegetables, because the more vegetables that are grown and eaten in Ontario the less wheat and meat there will be consumed, and, that being so, the Ontario wheat crop should then be sufficient to feed our own people, and leave more Western wheat and other foods available for export.

By intelligent effort, in the cultivation of his own back garden, or from the cultivation of a nearby piece of land, the average citizen can grow, this summer, enough vegetables to support his family through the next winter. And remember, if food restrictions are enforced next winter, a supply of vegetables in the cellar will be very desirable.

If you already have an unofficial or semi-official organization to stimulate food production, so much the better. That will give you the basis for a comprehensive committee.

A plan that has been adopted in many places is here outlined. You should adapt it to the needs of your own community.

1. A General Committee should be formed, representing every important interest of the community.
 - (a) A sub-committee on Finance. The Organization of Resources Committee is willing to help local branches financially with publicity, public meetings and organization.
 - (b) A Publicity Committee to place local problems properly before the people, supplementing the larger work of the province-wide publicity, by securing pledges, sending out circular letters, arranging for addresses in churches, schools, motion-picture houses, etc., and by supplying local papers with news items.
 - (c) A sub-committee on Vacant Lot and Back-Yard Gardening to include representatives from horticultural societies, school teachers, etc.
 - (d) A sub-committee on Farm Labour, composed of employers of labour, representatives of organized labour, war veterans, etc. Labour is the key to the food production problem. All boy, girl, part-time and vacation labour should be enlisted. Make sure that sufficient labour is ready to meet any demands made by your farming community. This labour should be placed on farms locally through the Agricultural Representatives or the Government Employment Bureaux.
 - (e) A Farm Lands sub-committee, composed of groups of men to cultivate larger tracts of vacant land in the vicinity of cities, towns and villages. Flax growing is profitable and suitable—flax seed and fibre are much needed.
 - (f) A sub-committee on Schools, to enlist all school-children of sufficient age to work either in home gardens, community gardens, school gardens, or on farms.
 - (g) A sub-committee of women on Conservation to deal with the problems of food-saving in the homes; the more broadly representative it is of women's activities the better. Existing women's organizations should not be interfered with, but since conservation is one of the greatest problems, there should be a women's committee in each community to deal with this problem alone.
3. An Executive Committee should be appointed, to include the chairman of the general committee and the chairmen of the sub-committees. This committee should meet frequently.
4. A Secretary to the committee should be chosen, for his knowledge of the situation, who would be free to devote considerable time to the work.

Lack of food threatens the battle-line and we must deal with the situation.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN

If you have not yet decided to plant a vegetable garden make up your mind to do so now. You will not regret it. There is still lots of time. Potatoes and beans may be planted up to June 1st and these are the best substitutes for wheat and meat.

For good, practical advice upon how to lay out and cultivate a Vegetable Garden, write for a free copy of the booklet entitled: "A Vegetable Garden for Every Home." This has been prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the guidance of citizens who will respond to this call for increased production.

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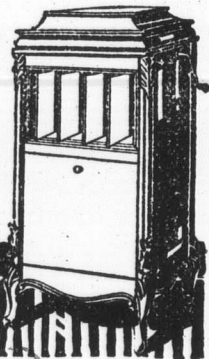
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