

FOR THE PRODUCTION "DRIVE."**All Second-Hand Farm Machinery should be Utilized this Year.**

It is important that all available farm machinery should be utilized in the greater production campaign this year. Owing to the unprecedented demand for machinery and equipment, it is extremely difficult to obtain shipments from the factories. In the case of many lines it is quite impossible. On the other hand many farmers have second-hand machinery which could be made to give invaluable service this year. The Food Controller asks that rural newspapers, should establish in their columns a "Want Ad. Clearing House" for such second-hand machinery. City papers with rural circulation can also help in this campaign by instituting a classified advertising department for equipment of this kind. Increased production in 1918 has become an imperative duty and no opportunity should be lost to make available all second-hand equipment which can possibly be utilized. Farmers are therefore urged to advertise equipment which they cannot use themselves this year.

MORE CLUBS ORGANIZED.**Hamilton Hog Production Plan is Being Adopted Elsewhere.**

Mr. Russell T. Kelly, President of the Hamilton Board of Trade, who promoted the Hamilton Hog Production plan, has reported to the Food Controller that the first \$400 required to buy sows was raised so easily that another club has been organized in Hamilton. Mr. Kelly has spoken recently in Brantford, Galt, Kitchener and Dunnville under the auspices of the local Boards of Trade. At each meeting a club was started and a committee organized to carry out the plan. Meetings are proposed in the near future for Oshawa, St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls. The Hamilton Board of Trade has taken up a plan for "Community Chicken Yards" which it is believed will help in utilizing waste food and in producing more chickens and eggs.

APPROVES THE STANDARD FLOUR.

The Courtenay Branch of the Food Production Conservation and Control Committee, Vancouver Island, B.C., has adopted a resolution approving of the action of the Food Controller in standardizing flour in order to conserve wheat. The Committee favours restriction on the sale and consumption of foodstuffs which are most needed by the Allied Nations.

HOG PRODUCTION CLUBS.**Splendid Success is Expected to Result from British Columbia Campaign.**

The greater hog production campaign is being conducted systematically and energetically in British Columbia where the idea is being taken up with enthusiasm. Recent advices state that between 20 and 30 clubs are likely to be formed in the Province this year, each with a membership of from 20 to 50 persons. Clubs are planned in every part of the Province. Prof. W. T. McDonald has prepared information on the subject and is sending it to persons interested. British Columbia Department of Agriculture, the Provincial University and the Vancouver Exhibition are all co-operating to make the scheme a success.

In order to induce members of the Hog Production Clubs to take greater interest in the movement, competitions, are planned. Valuable prizes will be offered to boys and girls for the best pigs raised under this plan.

Mr. W. F. Stevens, Livestock Commissioner for British Columbia, states that hog production will be increased greatly as a result of the campaign.

NOW RAISED TO VEAL AGE.**Livestock Branch States Policy on Slaughtering of Young Animals.**

The Livestock Branch of the Department of Agriculture has expressed the opinion that "any action taken arbitrarily to prohibit the slaughter of calves or females or to limit the market for Canadian cattle through restrictions upon exports or otherwise would be absolutely unwise." Under present conditions the farmer reaps a profit from the feeding of calves to veal age, while previous to the war such calves were killed as soon as born. Such a prohibition as that proposed would, therefore, cause a return to the pre-war practice, resulting in a very considerable waste of food.

SIR LOMER GOUIN'S MESSAGE.

In a message to the Quebec Housewives' League, Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of the Province of Quebec, said:

"The saving of food is more than ever to be practised. I congratulate your organization on what it is doing to educate our housewives towards a still greater economy. I am sure every good citizen will favourably endorse your programme and that every woman that has charge of a kitchen will serve the country and our Allies until we have attained victory."