

ALBERTA SWINE BREEDERS' APPEAL TO FARMERS.

The following appeal for increased production of hogs has been issued by the Alberta Swine Breeders' Association:

The world shortage of live stock is a guarantee of satisfactory cash returns, even in the face of the price of feed.

Yes, we have heard of the shortage of help problem. *When thinking of your difficulties please remember that we are in heaven compared to the hell the soldiers are going through at the front.* Is it asking too much that we should be as good sports at home as they are proving themselves in fighting our battles? Dig in and have the personal satisfaction of knowing you are sharing even if it be to such a very small extent, the real hardships others are cheerfully facing for you. Spend your energies in overcoming difficulties instead of letting them appear too great to be overcome. *Would life be worth living if the soldiers of the Allies had not shown more energy for us than we have in providing for their needs?*

The Federal and Provincial Governments and the live stock associations are doing all that can be done to improve marketing conditions in order that satisfactory returns will result from your efforts. Kindly remember that *apart from the dollars to be made you may help to keep absolute starvation from women and children in Europe in addition to providing necessities for our soldiers overseas.*

If you can possibly keep a few more sows over, won't you do so?

You know the kind of hog that started the war, help to provide the other kind of hogs to stop it.

If you have good breeding sows you cannot keep over or would purchase sows if you knew where to get them, write the undersigned and they will try and bring you both together.

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At a meeting at Caledon East, Ontario, which was addressed by Mr. Stark, of Brampton, he asked the farmers to put more confidence in Mr. Hanna, and from the fact that it looked like a good business proposition, to keep more sows and breed more hogs to help win the war.

"Keep an extra sow and her litter." Under this title the Ontario Department of Agriculture has published in pamphlet form (No. 6) an admirable article which appeared in *The Farmer's Advocate*, of London, Ont. It is printed in handy form for reference, with a brief summary of what to do to make pig-keeping profitable.

QUEBEC.

Hon. J. A. Grenier, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Quebec, has sent the following: "Our campaign for increased production of hogs, wheat, peas and beans is progressing successfully. Sixty lecturers have already covered a considerable section of the province. The Minister of Agriculture has issued a circular let-

ter to the Catholic and Protestant clergy, appealing for their support. We are buying a few hundred sows which will be sold to the farmers next spring."

In his letter to clergymen of the provinces, Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, emphasizes the pecuniary benefit to the farmer of greater production, the necessity of doing so in order to diminish the risk of famine, and the fact that such food is needed by the Allied armies. He points out that the farmer who at this time sells a sow capable of breeding he only receives the price of 150 to 200 pounds of meat, whereas next year he could dispose of at least 1,500 pounds, at prices that will certainly not be lower than those obtaining to-day. He adds:

"If every farmer owned one more brood of young hogs than last year, if every countryman with sufficiency of land raised one hog, production would increase by 30 to 40 per cent and this would represent by the fact about six or seven million dollars for this province and would prove of valuable assistance to the Allies."