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ALL EYES turn now to the Canadian Farmer, for he can render the Empire SPECIAL SERVICE in this sternest year of the war.

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CITY and TOWN can help.

Municipal Councils, Churches and Schools, and other organizations, both of men and women, can render National Service by directing all available labour to the Land.

Farmers themselves can exchange labour. School boys can assist.

Were you raised on a farm? Can you drive a team? Can you handle fork or hoe? If you can't fight, you can produce. Spend the Summer working on the Farm.

Let every man, woman and child in the Dominion who has access to Land, no matter how small the plot, make it produce Food in 1917.

For information on any subject relating to the Farm and Garden write:—
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APPEAL TO THE CLERGY

Made by Provincial Committee on Organization of Resources

PRODUCTION SUNDAY
To Be Occasion of Special Sermons

The following circular letter has been sent from the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario to the clergy of the Province.

To the Clergy of Ontario:
The Organization of Resources Committee wants to make Sunday, April 1st, Production Sunday throughout Ontario. Will you help, by making special reference in your sermons on that day to the need of the Empire for food?

The call of the Empire for food is a call that is as urgent as the call for money. The call for money has been heard in the various patriotic fund drives and relief funds, the Operation War Loan and in the form of special taxes. To the call for money, the clergy of Ontario have made heavy response. The call for money has likewise met with a response which is both gratifying and encouraging. Creditable to the Province. We must now give earnest heed to a call which is just as insistent as the other two—indeed, in some respects, even more insistent.

"The Empire Needs More Food"
The Province of Ontario should put forth its very strongest efforts to respond to this call for many reasons, any one of which is powerful in its appeal when properly understood.

1. Ontario must produce more food on account of the increasing cost of living at home. No time will tend to reduce the cost of living in Ontario itself so much, while the war continues, as ample supplies of home-grown products—chickens, grain, vegetables, fruit and live stock. The Department of Agriculture, with the strongest support which this committee can give, is at present urging this on farmers.

2. Ontario must produce more food because of the need of the Motherland: (a) For food supplies for her soldiers and sailors, (b) For food supplies for her home population. Ontario cannot export what she does not need; and she cannot export unless there is a surplus production above the needs of the Province.

3. Ontario must produce more food in order to help supply money for our own war funds. Every thoughtful person realizes that the splendid showing made by Canada in the finance generally is due solely to increased production since the outbreak of war. Sir Thomas White, the Finance Minister, has shown in many public addresses that the changed standing of Canada from a borrowing to a loaning nation is due largely to the increased activity of our manufacturers and farmers. When farmers are urged to increase the production of food stuff, their reply has been in effect, "We have the land, we have the implements, we have men who can direct cultivation, but we are short of labour."

The Call for Increased Food Production, Therefore, is Obviously a Call for More Farm Labor

Will you help to meet this difficulty by:
1. Urging upon every person in your congregation capable of assisting to at once place himself to the limit of his ability, at the disposal of the farmers in your own community to assist in Spring work, for unless the seed is sown the crops will not be harvested, no matter how many helpers may be available at harvest time.

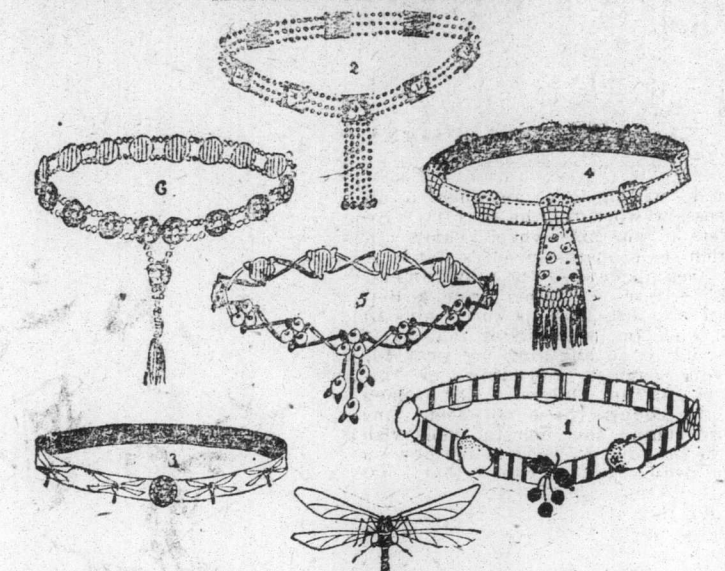
This includes boys of High School age, retired farmers, and men who would be released by manufacturers and other employers for a number of weeks, the intention being in the last case, to attempt to make the service for any farmer continuous. It includes also, however, men who can give one or more days a week and men who can give a portion of one or more days a week. To utilize this part time labor, organization is needed, but the need, when realized, has always met with a ready response.

2. By urging farmers who need help to let their needs be definitely known, so that the help which is available may be placed to the best possible advantage. Dr. W. A. Riddell, Superintendent of the Trades and Labor branch of the Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, is in charge of this work, and farmers should apply to him for the help they need. We feel warranted in stating that farmers can be assured that help will be available for harvesting the crops which they are able to raise.

Principals of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes throughout the Province are assisting, and the Department of Education has modified its regulations to meet the situation. Local patriotic committees, Boards of Trade, and others have been called upon to assist.

You can Support the Men now Active in Your Community by Helping to make the Need Known.
No apology need be made for laying these facts before the clergy of the Province, for surely every loyal subject of the Crown who has thought of the cause at issue in our great war, will recognize that the great issues of human liberty and justice are, at bottom, purely religious in their nature, and every effort required to bring the Empire

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1. Striped ribbon with flat fruit ornaments, done in colored velvet. 2. Navy blue velvet medallions embroidered with gray silk, grey beads and navy ball buttons. 3. Gold colored suede embroidered with brown dragon flies with red bodies and gold head eyes, flat medallion of brown suede with edge of gold beads. 4. Suede girdle of brick red embroidered baskets and silk fringe of Prussian blue, flowers in baskets and on suede sash of multi colored beads. 5. Wool ornaments of bright colors held together by baby velvet ribbon. 6. Black velvet medallions embroidered in Pogany blue silk, blue beads and silk tassel.

through the strife, not merely victoriously but also strong to meet the special problems which the cessation of hostilities will introduce, partakes at once of the issues at stake in the war itself.

Approximately forty million of the world's most productive manhood have either been killed or incapacitated, or are to-day in active service, while twenty million more are behind them, devoting their energies to war work. Is it any wonder that the world's food supply has become one of the most serious problems of the day? In such an emergency, all must help to do the best possible. This world has no precedent for the conditions which exist to-day.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. ABBOTT,
Secretary.

IMPURE BLOOD IN THE SPRING

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As winter passes away it leaves many people feeling weak, depressed and easily tired. The body lacks that vital force necessary for pure blood alone can give.

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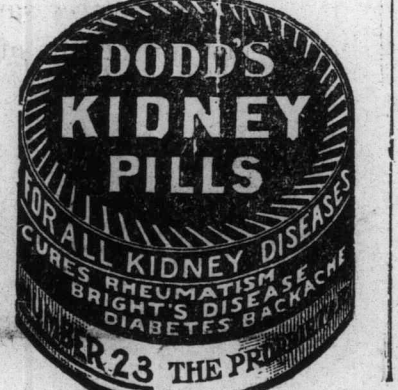
Ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and do not be persuaded to take something else. If your dealer does not keep these Pills they will be sent by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FREIGHT INCREASE.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, March 30.—Increase of about 5 per cent in freight rates on all classes and commodities moving east and west by way of rail and ship lines over the great lakes lines went into effect today, when the interstate commerce commission declined to suspend tariffs proposing them.

CHAMP CHOSEN.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, March 30.—Champ Clark of Missouri was nominated for re-election today as speaker of the house at a caucus of Democrats. He was chosen by acclamation.



CONSCRIPTION FOR POLISH ARMY

Voluntary System Fails and
Compulsion is to Follow

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, March 29. Via London, March 30.—Compulsory recruiting for the Polish army is evidently about to be introduced in the new kingdom of Poland, instead of the voluntary system, which has so far produced only a few hundred recruits. Two army corps were fixed as the minimum by Austro-German calculations when the kingdom was established.

According to Warsaw despatches to the German papers, a sort of national convention, convoked by the Polish council of state, has passed a resolution calling for the organization of the Polish army on the lines on which the Polish legion was recruited by Austria in the early days of the war. As prominent members of the council of state, including M. Lemplecki, formerly deputy of the Russian duma, have been advocating the plan for some time, it is expected that the resolution will be acted upon.

CZAR MARTIN.

Montreal, March 29.—Mayor Martin again failed to get the city council to deal with his communication criticizing the boards of trade for passing a resolution favoring the enforcement of the militia act. The mayor called those aldermen who opposed him "cowards" and threatened to call a public meeting on the Champ de Mars, adjacent to the city hall, to consider his communication.

After the council meeting some of the aldermen expressed objection to the Russian duma, have been advocating the plan for some time, it is expected that the resolution will be acted upon.

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NATIONAL SERVICE

Enumeration of
Dominion of
Board and A
Short Period

The enumeration of the tants of a country as large as Canada is a task which, to be done once in ten years, costs a money and requires a well equipped and permanent department of the public service. At the time. The National Board, however, cheerfully took to conduct an enumeration of the effective males of Canada to obtain a complete inventory of the individual's capabilities. All that Director R. B. Bennett had to consider in the way of organization was a clerical, four stenographers, a set of chairs and a board resolution effect that this job was to be completed within four months at a cost that made the "ing" ones smile. As the job has now been successfully accomplished at an expense far below original estimate.

Although the organization Board itself was not completed till November 16, yet six later everything was in a state for making this great statistical "National Service Week" began on January 1st, and six time over 80 per cent of the five manhood of Canada had turned cards. By the end of it is expected that the enumeration will be practically complete.

Discussing some of the problems connected with the campaign, Mr. C. C.erson, Secretary of the Service Board, on being interviewed, pointed out that one of the and indeed the first important difficulty, was presented by the itself. "A card had to be which would give us all the sal information, but at the same it had to be worded in such a way that the most illiterate citizen understand without possibility for what was required of him. The card was to be made a vehicle by which the information desired was to be conveyed, and that it should be so form it would need every word to be fore fundamental. Even a satisfactory copy was at last, it was not finally accepted until it had been submitted to the most expert opinions in the try."

Systems of distribution of election had also to be evolved a large staff organization, and so that they could handle the work of this far reaching organization. It is clear the heads found it necessary to day and night for weeks of phase of the work alone.

As might be expected, some totally unexpected far important than even the day a suitable card, was the Board of dealing with the public to explain the importance of the purposes of the work so the cards were received, the co-operation of the people depended upon and, public was commenced in November the "National Service Week" in January, in order to see bulk of returns and make a lent start with the compilation in that month. Six short were remained for the needs of station to be driven home.

Board got vigorously to work immediately plans covered whole of the country were operation. Meetings were convened, fraternal lawyers, doctors, editors, and everyone in any grade of life being likely to be of assistance directly approached by means personal letter and asked to operation; while the clergy country, irrespective of creed, nomination, were directly as preach on the subject and the teachers to address their concerning it.

The distribution of the cards was another matter. Distributing those in try of Canada's far stretched ritories, and doing it so the town, village and even hamlets receive its proper number, calls for something more