

# CONTROL OF LABOR BY A COMMISSION

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President of Experimental  
Union Advocates Regulating  
of Industrial Activity.

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Special to The Toronto World.  
Guelph, Jan. 8.—With over 100 delegates  
attendance in addition to all the regu-

Mr. H. Siret, of Brighton, occupied the chair with a session opening at 9.30 o'clock, and Dr. C. Zayitz was called upon to present his report as secretary, which was in part as follows:

The total number of distinct tests made through the province in agriculture alone during the past 32 years has been \$3,664. The number of tests made in the past year was \$299. Even the labor is exceptionally scarce at the present time; the number of experimenters in the past year has been greater than that of the year previously, and thus the many valuable experiments had been conducted through Ontario with varieties of farm crops, quantities of seed per acre, mixed grain for hay production, and for other, more important, commercial fertilizers. The eradication of weeds, the testing of cattle for tuberculosis, the reforesting of waste places, etc., in Ontario to the number of over 400 conducted co-operative experiments upon their own farms in the

**President's Address.**

President Siret, in his address, dealt with the demands being made by Great Britain and France upon Canada to produce an abundance of foodstuffs. Unfortunately, those necessary industries, which took so many men from the farms, were not alone in feeling an impetus, and many industries which were engaged in the production of goods which could be considered as necessities, were competing with other manufacturers and with the farmer for labor at higher wages. "It might be advisable," he said, "to place all industrial activity under the control of a commission, whose duty it would be to see that the workers should be employed. That would mean

that every would-be employer of labor would have to obtain a license which would give authority to engage the number of employes which the commission considered was justified by the absolute necessities of the community. The amount of labor available could be increased; it remained, then, to see that what is available be employed in industries which are most essential."

**Importation of Chinese.**

At the opening session Dr. G. C. Creelman, of the University of Chicago, and president of the college, delivered an address. He advocated the importation, under bond, of 100,000 Chinamen, to be employed under the director of the Dominion Government on the farms of the

question labor on the farm was becoming so acute that something of this nature had to be done "Ontario's agriculture in the present crisis," was the subject of his address. He dealt first of all with the great necessity during the winter of 1917-18 of making food available to the army and navy. This was the worst which can be grown the easiest, and the prices were good. He pointed out that the indications were that the present winter would be hard on fall wheat and the result would be that more spring wheat would have to be planted than in any previous year.

He also dealt with the question of threshing gangs, and the utilization of small individual outfits.

Dr. Creelman said there would be no

chicken-raising campaign this year, as the cost would be too great in view of the price of wheat. He said that he had been told by Prof. Harcourt that there was much more nutrition in rolled oats.

In closing his address, Dr. Creelman advocated the growing of the cool and vegetable seeds by the farmers themselves, there being no reason why it could not be done. He also stated that the shortage of good corn seed was a serious matter, and the farmers should get their seed corn as quickly as possible.

**DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE  
TO ADDRESS U. S. BARN**

**Allied Ambassadors Will Also Speak at Important New York Function.**

New York, Jan. 8.—Among the speakers at the annual dinner of the New York State Bar Association in this city on Saturday night next will be the Duke of Devonshire, the British French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors, the Belgian minister and Secretary of State Lansing. On Friday evening the chief speaker will be Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, attorney-general of Great Britain, who will speak on "Law, War and the Future." Charles E. Hughes will be re-elected president.

### THREE CARS PROMISED

Fuel Controller Intervenes in Coal Situation at Galt.

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Galt, Ont., Jan. 8.—The coal situation still remained serious here today, with many families unable to obtain fuel. The only shipment to arrive here since the city took control of the situation was a car of buckwheat coal. Mayor A. M. Edwards this afternoon got into telephonic conversation with R. C. Harris of Toronto, honorary fuel controller for Ontario.

fatir, said explained the condition of the war. He said that the British had promised to withdraw their troops from the border of Galt tonight. The G.T.R. had promised to rush them thru.

**SOURCE OF RUMOR FOUND.**

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A rumor that there was a shooting in Misonneur in connection with the enforcement of the Military Service Act was run down today by the military police, who have found the man who originated it. The response to the calls of the draft has been bare, and the number of

deserts is growing. Major-General E. W. Wilson, G.O.C. was in Ottawa today, and it is said that his visit had to do with the rounding up of deserters.

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