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THOUSANDS ON FARMS

Over 7,500 Persons Were Placed on Farms This Year.

Experience Shows Cold Nights Lowers Milk Flow When Cows Are Left in Fields.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

SINCE Oct. 31st, 1917, the Ontario Government Public Employment Bureau have secured employment for 19,000 persons, of which 7,016 were men and 11,984 women. This work has been accomplished for the most part through the efforts of the offices at Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London. Since April, however, new bureaus have been opened at Kingston, Port Arthur and Fort William. In order that the best results might be gained through the campaigns for farm laborers the efforts of the Trades and Labor Branch, the Organization of Resources Committee and the Agricultural Representatives were co-ordinated. The province was divided into six districts, each centering around one of the bureaus. The organization is now such that each county, through the Agricultural Representative, is kept in touch with one of the Employment Bureaus. Thus the surplus labor in one part of the province may be shifted to a part where a scarcity is felt. Any farmer in Ontario, by communicating with the Agricultural Representative for his county, may learn how farm help can be obtained.

To date 7,800 persons have been placed on Ontario farms. Of these some 3,300 were men, 2,140 boys and 1,260 women. Several campaigns have been launched including, "Soldiers of the Soil" (boys between 14 and 19 years), "Haying and Harvest," "Sugar Beet Hoeing," "Threshing and Fall Ploughing," and "Flax Pulling." Over 250 boys were sent to the sugar beet fields of the Chatham district, and 125 are now pulling flax.

Of the 1,260 women sent the majority are on fruit farms. An effort was made at the Toronto office to send women to assist in the farm kitchens with the result that 70 women have gone to this work. During the winter a class was organized for the purpose of giving girls a training in chore work on the farm. In April a course was opened, at the Ontario Agricultural College, where about 150 women and girls have gone out to assist on mixed farms throughout the province. The results achieved by these women have been satisfactory from the standpoint of the farmer.

It is the desire of the Department that every farmer in need of help is supplied with suitable and satisfactory assistance, and it is toward this end that our offices are organized and into the fulfilling of which practically all the energy of our staff is put.

On account of the supreme importance of food production the greatest amount of effort, in all offices, has been put forth toward recruiting and placing men on farms, yet a large number of people have secured positions in other lines of work. Eight hundred and seventy-one men have been placed at factory and munition work, 3,200 general laborers, 3,000 builders and 1,624 at miscellaneous occupations. Women have been placed as follows: 1,690 domestics; 1,273 munition and factory workers, and 1,700 at clerical and miscellaneous occupations.—Dr. W. A. Riddell, Superintendent, Ontario Trades and Labor Branch.

Keep Cows Inside During Cold Nights.

The season for cold nights will be here all too soon, in this northern climate. While it is true that keeping the cows inside means more labor in cleaning the stable and more difficulty in keeping the cows clean, the extra fertilizing material collected in this way will probably pay for the extra labor. If this does not, the extra supply of milk received by keeping the cows in a comfortable stable at times when the temperature drops below freezing-point, will do so. Experience shows that cold has a very marked effect in lessening the milk flow, particularly for cows that have been milking for some time, when the natural tendency is for the cow to get up and during which time she should be adopted to new milking. Cows should be kept out of doors on cold nights, after they have been milking for six or eight months, makes a greater tendency for these cows to go dry.

Where cows are kept inside, the stable should be cleaned regularly and some absorbent material like sawdust, shavings, chaff, or

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should be scattered along the passages, on the platform, and in the gutter. This helps very much in cleaning the stable and in keeping the cows clean.

Another advantage of stabling on frosty nights, is that it prevents the cows eating frozen feed, which is generally considered to be injurious to milk cows. They may be kept in the stable or yard until after the pasture thaws, and in this way the animals are protected against digestive troubles, and conditions are more favorable for maintaining the health and milk-flow of the animals.—Prof. H. H. Dean, O. A. College, Guelph.

Prevent Great Farm Loss.

If, through better care and management, the average life of farm machines could be increased by a single year what a tremendous saving would be effected. The amount a farmer loses each year through neglect of his machinery would pay for the erection of a plain weather-proof shed that would keep them in good condition.—Prof. John Evans, O. A. College, Guelph.

SOMETHING NEW IN COLLARS

Sort of Second Cousin to the One Made of Celluloid Has Recently Been Introduced.

The separate starched collar was invented about ninety-two years ago by the wife of a blacksmith living at Troy, N. Y., who made one for her husband. Since then it has grown in popularity until there is probably nobody who has not worn a starched collar at some time or other. Now its popularity is on the decline again, partly as a result of the war.

The crux of the matter does not lie with the collar itself, though that is made from material which is useful for bandages. It's the starch that is to be saved—valuable foodstuff that ought not to be wasted on collars, says Popular Science Monthly.

A permanently stiffened collar is being introduced which is not celluloid, but is a regular fabric collar treated with a kind of varnish that makes it possible to clean it under the tap or with a damp cloth. Automobileists should be among those who appreciate this new fabric, for, in spite of road dust, it is always possible to "feel clean" in a clean collar. A collar of this kind will last from two weeks to a month.

Chinese Omens.

The Chinese people never associate dreams with lobster salad. Their artist represents dreams pictorially by means of spiral or curl, as of vapor, proceeding from the dreamer's head and broadening out until large enough to receive the figures which enter into and compose the dream.

They believe that gorillas and bears are omens of sons, and serpents and snakes of daughters. (The ladies have Grandma Eve to thank for that.) If you dream of a dwarf, things will not go well; your enterprise will stick half-way and you will be a laughing stock to all; if of sweet perfume, you will meet women and girls; of bamboos, you will become a recluse; of combs, there will be a separation; of willows, you will shortly travel, and if you dream of a broken bed some ill will befall your wife.

He Was Satisfied.

The Claytons had recently amassed an immense fortune and Mrs. Clayton intended to spare no effort nor expense to break into society. "I think," said she to her husband one morning while she was engaged in arranging a musical program, "that we will have a mezzo-soprano." "All right, all right," replied Mr. Clayton, "go ahead and see an architect, but don't bother me about it."

Now They Don't Speak.

Miss Antique—Marriages are made in heaven, you know.
Miss Caustique—Cheer up. You'll probably go there sometime.

Always a Way.

Some small girls were skipping rope on an East side street yesterday afternoon. The children skipped and twisted in turn, while a little mother, with a sleeping baby in her arms, looked on wistfully. There seemed no place to lay the baby, and the other little girls were far too thrilled to think of offering to relieve her to her charge while she tried her prowess. Finally she could stand it no longer. Casting around in desperation she spied one of the iron barrels provided by the city for refuse paper, and thereby solved her problem. Quickly the barrel was turned on its side, the papers pulled toward the top to make a soft bed, and the baby deposited therein. Gently it rocked in its improvised cradle, sleeping peacefully on.—New York Times.

After the Wedding.
Bridegroom—I haven't seen anything of that \$1,000 check from your father.
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