

After referring to "the large surplus of labourers in the cities and towns," the article proceeded:

"MANY OF OUR HOME SUPPLY HAVE ENLISTED AND GONE TO THE FRONT. WHAT THEN ARE WE TO DO? We shall have to depend mainly on the workers now in Canada. THE COUNTRY WANTS MEN AND THE CITIES HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED. It is largely, then A QUESTION OF GETTING THE MEN TO THE WORK. City and country are equally interested."

"There are two difficulties here—one is the shortage of men skilled in farm work and the other is THE LACK OF MACHINERY OR ORGANIZATION in the locating of men" (p. 97).

"A WELL SELECTED COMMITTEE."—The situation and the problem being thus well stated, the remedy was obvious, namely, that the government should supply "the lack of machinery or organisation." That is clear. But what did the government propose? This merely:

"APPOINT A WELL SELECTED COMMITTEE composed of both city men and country men to take the matter up. . . . Men are volunteering to organize to raise money and food to send abroad. Why not volunteer to organize to help produce more food? PERHAPS IF TWO OR THREE WOMEN INTERESTED AND EXPERIENCED IN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WORK WERE PLACED ON SUCH A COMMITTEE SOMETHING WOULD BE DONE" (p. 98).

WRETCHED HELPLESSNESS.—Did ever, during all time, a government write itself down as so utterly and wretchedly helpless? Here is a matter of overwhelming importance; a matter upon which the fighting capacity of ourselves and our allies depends; a matter (without exaggeration) of life and death to thousands of humanbeings; a matter of the greatest difficulty and complexity; a matter which requires not only co-ordinated effort over the whole of the Dominion, but legal authority to make men move from places where they deem themselves comfortable, to places where they shall be made useful; and the Borden government contents itself with the emission of a suggestion for a voluntary "well selected committee," and of a hope that if two or three women "were placed on such a committee something would be done."

NOTHING DONE—"Something" was not done. The "well