

## CIRCULAR TO INSPECTORS AND TEACHERS

## INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION.

In order to assist in meeting the shortage of foodstuffs, due to war conditions and the unfavourable season of 1916, those teachers who are now giving instruction in agriculture and horticulture in the Provincial schools should arrange as far as practicable to grow plants of food value in school gardens and to reduce correspondingly the space hitherto devoted to flowers and decorative shrubs. With the same object in view, the home garden projects should be enlarged and modified and extensive use made of vacant lots and other unoccupied areas. In this way advantage might be taken of the potent' al labour of boys and girls from eight to fifteen or sixteen, much of which in the ordinary course of events is not utilized.

Inspectors might also take advantage of present conditions to enlarge the scope of agricultural education in Ontario and to demonstrate more fully the important bearing which agriculture has upon the welfare of the people, by using their influence to induce School Boards which have not yet established classes in agriculture to undertake this work and to utilize the school garden or home garden as recommended above.

If, indeed, the urban municipalities in Ontario having a population of from 1,000 to 9,000 would double the present production of their gardens and poultry yards, and use, as recommended above, the vacant lots and other unoccupied areas, it would increase the food products of Ontario by \$10,000,000 at a very conservative calculation.

Boys and girls cannot be expected to fight, but by assisting in increasing the supply of foodstuffs, they also can be of service.

R. A. PYNE,

Department of Education,  
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*Minister of Education.*

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**New Brunswick.**

Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, recently returned from Ottawa, where he and Director R. P. Steeves represented New Brunswick at the meeting of the Dominion Education Association. Dr. Carter was honoured by being elected President for the current year.

The Board of Education has authorized the following regulation: "Third, Second, First, and the next higher class of Normal trained teachers of Nova Scotia, certified by an Inspector as competent and by the Superintendent in Nova Scotia as in good standing, and holding Dominion Physical Training Certificates of Grade B.,

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