

Manitoba!---To The Last Man and The Last Hog

ON Thursday, 29th November, one of the most memorable gatherings in the history of Manitoba was convened in the Provincial Legislative Chamber in Winnipeg. The floor of the house was filled with a crowd of representative men and women of a character and under circumstances such as it never had to provide for at any point in the past.

The Nation is at war, and every man and woman who came to that meeting showed in the most unqualified terms that he or she knew it, and that if fighting was not to be the forte of the farmers and women of the Manitoba farm homes, it was to be their business until the last shot was fired to produce and to conserve for the maintenance of the fighting men and all else in a world shortage that the condition of war imposed.

Just a week before, the Minister of Agriculture called an informal meeting of representatives of the agricultural press, the Live Stock and Dairy Commissioners, etc., the object being that of a purely consultative character. The press gave every assurance of its unlimited support to any measures the Department might see fit to set in operation.

At once the Deputy Minister, J. H. Evans, and his staff got on the wires to the end that every outpost of the province was reached within a few hours and on the evening of that day-week something like 120 delegates had arrived in Winnipeg to attend a great conference on the following morning.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Minister at 9.30 in the morning and remained in session till noon, reassembling after a brief luncheon interval.

There were many remarkable statements made, several stirring speeches were delivered, some unrehearsed humor crept in, but not a single acrimonious or discordant note was heard throughout the entire conference. Perfect unanimity prevailed. An enthusiasm born of deep-seated seriousness and an impressive realization of the situation swept the proceedings like a flood.

If the finding of breeding stock in all that has proved successful in pork product was to be the main problem for the immediate future, it was perfectly evident that the human "hog" does not seem to claim a single representative among the farmers of Mani-

toba. If there was to be any fighting it looked from the faces of these men that the "scrap" would resolve itself around the question of **who could do most** to produce and conserve food for the boys at the front and for the women and children of those countries which were now suffering under the merciless heel of the invader.

Space is not available in our narrow limits to begin to do justice "at one sitting" to all this means. For the benefit of those who were not within hearing of all that was said, we give a synopsis of the proceedings as embodied in a series of resolutions passed—unanimously in every case as has been stated, in some cases by standing vote.

measures recommended."—Carried by unanimous standing vote.

Farm Help

"That while the members of this conference are fully aware of the military necessity, yet we have been assured that the necessity of provisioning the Allies and the allied armies is the paramount obligation of Canada; that, therefore, trained farmers, farmers' sons and farm help, in view of the food situation, are of greatest national service if allowed to remain in their present occupations."

"That the labor crisis can be met only by the registration and organization of all labor resources, and that this should at once be proceeded with in the name of national service."

Feeds Branch

That this conference commends the action of the Dominion Government in establishing a Feeds Branch pursuant to the resolution of the Ottawa conference.

The previously passed resolution, which throws light on the purpose of this new branch, reads:—"Your special committee herewith recommends that a Feeds Branch should be immediately created with an officer in charge who is not only well informed on feeds and feed values, but who will further investigate the question, and who, by the use of various measures, will facilitate the distribution of feeds in Canada to the farmers in a manner that will establish their confidence, and make available regular supplies of these feeds, will prevent adulteration, will carry on an educative campaign in respect to the purchase of the various grades of feed, and by these and other measures establish a confidence and permanency in the feed business, which is very necessary if the movement for the keeping and feeding of more hogs and other livestock on the farms of Canada, is to become effective."

Appreciation of Banks' Action

"That the banks be commended for their policy of helping members of Boys' and Girls' Clubs to buy feeding stock, and that the policy be commended to all banks of the province."

Pig Keeping in Towns and Villages

"That the municipal and town and village councils be requested to make it feasible for residents of towns and villages, under



Shall We Fail Them?

*"Back from the jaws of death—
Back from the gates of hell!"*

A party of our Canadian boys on their way back from the fire trench. Recall if you can *what was the chance they took* when they went in! These are MEN than whom there never were braver or more devoted souls in the world's history.

Let it be said that any man in this awful crisis who dares to allege that any reputable citizen of Manitoba would be diverted from the great purpose by monetary consideration—such as a "guaranteed price" for hogs—simply does not know the calibre of the men of this province. A few slackers there may be hidden away in some odd corners, but their kin, far less the atmosphere of their shrivelled souls, was never felt or in evidence at this historic meeting.

Pledge of Support

"That this conference representing the Agricultural Societies, the Grain Growers' Associations, the Livestock and Dairy Associations, the Home Economics' Societies and the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, realizes the seriousness of the food situation in regard to Britain and her Allies, and the members pledge themselves to do their utmost to present the situation to the whole people and to secure united action in increased livestock production as in other

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