

A Rental Agreement

To give effect to plan (a) i. e., renting farms for returned men, suitable places should be selected so that several soldiers' families would be in close proximity with a view to mutual assistance and companionship. Leases should be drawn between the parties concerned, that is, the owners and the soldiers, and should be on an approved plan. The Provincial Land Settlement Commission should supervise the selection of the land and assist in arranging the terms of the lease. The idea in renting farms on a share basis is that the landlord supplies the land and pays all or a portion of the taxes, provides and keeps in repair the necessary buildings, fences, etc., while the tenant does all the work on the farm and furnishes the horses, farm implements, etc., necessary to cultivate the farm in a proper manner. The landlord and tenant each supply half of the live stock, seed, fertilizers, etc., and the profits are divided equally; statements of receipts and expenses should be prepared, submitted and accepted monthly. A suitable rotation of crops should be prepared and agreed to between the parties, also the number and kind of live stock to be kept, while the details of the farm management should be worked out on an equitable basis.

Cash Outlay

This plan will prove satisfactory and **\$1,000 to \$1,200** profitable for dairy and stock farms that do not require a large capital for operating expenses. With proper supervision and with honesty and thrift, the tenant rapidly accumulates enough money to purchase a holding of his own. If the supervision be supplied by a Government commission and the soldier tenant be supported and directed, the landlord in each instance will find the arrangement far more profitable and satisfactory than renting for cash. To make the scheme workable for the tenant, the land should be in a fair state of fertility and reasonably clear of noxious weeds, while the buildings and fences should be adapted to the individual needs of the farm concerned. The cash outlay would probably average \$1,000 to \$1,200 for each soldier tenant. This could be repaid in easy instalments.

Government

Purchase Land

With reference to the second plan, (b), that is, purchasing farms in localities convenient to market and where the soil and climatic conditions are suitable for more or less intensive agricultural practice; the carrying into execution of this plan involves considerable preliminary work. It is possible that the Government may decide to expropriate the land they require for this purpose; but by utilizing local agents who are familiar with the districts selected and avoiding publicity, options for periods of nine or twelve months may be secured for groups of