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The Soldiers of the Soil movement has "caught on" with large numbers of city boys. Thousands of them from 15 to 18 or 19 years of age have enlisted for service on the farms. Of course, it is recognized by all connected with the movement that these boys are inexperienced in farm work and are therefore not as efficient as trained farm labor or as country boys of the same age. The satisfaction they will give will in a large measure depend on the way they are handled. Most of them are dead in earnest and wish to do all they can in relieving the food shortage. They are further stimulated by knowing that though they are not old enough to serve in the ranks they may render a real service by assisting the farmers during the labor shortage. It will be necessary to give them instruction on the work they are expected to do, to put them at work that they can readily grasp, and to encourage them in every way. There is no doubt but that a bright, active boy, properly handled, can do a great deal towards helping the farmer in the trying labor situation with which he is confronted at the present time.

Our Ottawa Letter will appear regularly each week during the session. This is, we believe, the best summary of the doings at Ottawa published in Canada. It is written specially for the busy western farmer. Two or three columns a week covers all the legislation of importance and gives a concrete outline of the activities of parliament. Farmers are busy men these days but a few minutes spent each week reading our Ottawa Letter will keep them informed on developments at the national capital.

Filling out the forms for the new income tax is likely to cause worry for many farmers. The trouble is that so few farmers have any system of accounting for their farms. It is not hard to understand this. Farming is a complex business and requires as complicated a system of book-keeping as any other. There should not, however, be any insuperable difficulty in filling out the forms. It has been accomplished by the farmers of other countries and can be accomplished here. One of the results of the income tax law as it applies to farmers will likely be that more of them will hereafter pay attention to farm book-keeping.

A considerable number of letters are still received by The Guide in which the name or the address, or both, are missing. It is, of course, impossible to answer such letters. Even letters that are for publication and which do not require an answer, should always be accompanied by the full name and ad-

dress of the writer. This will be withheld from publication if requested. In case the writer does not wish his name to appear it is well to suggest a pseudonym so that the contribution may be readily identified by the writer when it appears in print.

Some of the local associations have been making wonderful increases in members. Girvin, Sask., conducted a membership contest in which the president and vice-president chose up sides, the losers to put up a supper and a concert. The result was that the association membership jumped from 30 to 217 in a month. Outram, Sask., increased its membership from 16 to 146 in the month succeeding the convention. This was also the result of a contest. Now they are considering building a Grain Growers' Hall. It is astonishing what a little enthusiasm can do.

Our Friends—the Birds is the name of a new extension bulletin published by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and written by V. W. Jackson, of the Agricultural College. The bulletin contains descriptions of a large number of western birds and is well illustrated. The relation of birds to agriculture is fully covered. A division is given to the enemies of birds and another to the construction of birds' houses and methods by which our little feathered friends may be encouraged to settle and multiply amongst us.

The Red Cross campaign was a great success. Final figures of the amount subscribed are not available as The Guide goes to press but indications are that the aim was far exceeded. Winnipeg alone subscribed more than \$600,000, which was the goal set for the whole province of Manitoba and twice the minimum asked from the city. When the returns are all in it will probably be found that the farmers have proved to be as generous as their city brethren. But with this tremendous battle raging on the western front the Red Cross will need every dollar to carry on its great work of caring for the wounded soldiers.

Important changes in the Saskatchewan rural school system are recommended by Dr. W. H. Foght, the American expert on elementary education, who investigated school conditions in that province last summer. More effective inspection; the establishment of municipal school districts, a measure of consolidation, and stronger measures for the Canadianizing of the non-English elements of the population were among the Doctor's recommendations. A synopsis of Dr. Foght's report is given in this issue.

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