

FARM LABOR.

Recognizing that one of the most serious difficulties with which the farmers have to contend is the shortage of help, the Government has organized a number of Employment Bureaux and has given special attention to the placing of help on the land. In addition to the offices in the larger centres, the local office of the Department of Agriculture in every county is connected with the Labor Bureau and applications for help may be placed through this office. Every effort has been made to distribute the labor which has been available, and during the war period special plans were inaugurated including relaxation of the regulations of the Education Department so as to permit boys to work on the land during the summer and the organizing of camps of girls for the fruit districts. These plans undoubtedly helped the labor situation a very great deal. With the organization at hand it is safe to say that the subject will receive every consideration in future years, and it is expected that as shipping becomes available the local supply of labor will be supplemented by the bringing in of additional help from the British Isles each year.

GOOD ROADS

In 1904, the last year of Liberal Government in the Province, the total expenditure of the Province towards good roads amounted to about \$91,000. Last year it was nearly ten times that amount, and when the comprehensive highway policy announced by the Government is under way, the amount and the contrast will be very much more marked. In view of these striking figures it is scarcely necessary to say that the Government fully appreciates the importance of good roads as a matter of primary interest to the farmers and as a factor in the general development of the Province. Accordingly the policy of the Government as announced and as now being put into effect includes Provincial aid to many more roads than were ever included in the past, and must inevitably in the course of a few years result, both directly and indirectly, in the improvement of all the roads in the Province.

It has been found that under modern conditions of transportation the construction and maintenance of rural roads should not be left to the farmers themselves but should be distributed over the whole community, which is now using roads to a greater